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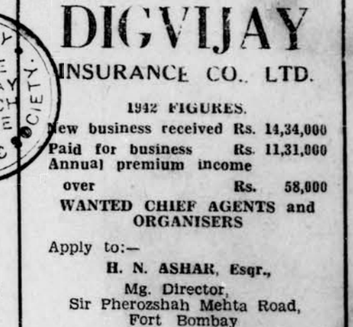

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Wavell On 'India Battle Casualties'

Less Than 3,000 Actually Known To Be Killed: Country Can Repel Any Attack, Assures C.-in-C.

NEW DELHI, March 16.

"We have accomplished the imperative task that lay on us after the fall of Malaya and Burma, to secure India from the threat of a major attack from the east by sea, land or air", said Field-Marshal Wavell, Commander-in-Chief opening the War Exhibition this evening in Delhi.

"We can say now that India is in a position to meet and defeat any attack against her soil. We cannot yet say that India is safe. She will not be until we can drive away and make powerless that cruel, aggressive, treacherous enemy that still threatens our security and our peaceful development and that of our great allies, America and China, who fight with us in this eastern theatre.—A. P.

INDIAN WAR CASUALTIES

NEW DELHI March 16

Opening the War Services Exhibition, Field-Marshal Wavell said that India's armed forces were rapidly approaching two millions. Of these, something under half a million served overseas ou'side India.

"Indian battle casualties approximated 1,00,000 but a great majority of these was announced for by those missing and believed to be prisoners of war in our disasters in Hongkong and Malaya." —United Press.

Less Than 3,000 Killed

India battle casualties have been approximately 100,000 but the great majority of these, 60,000 to 70,000 are accounted for by those missing, believed prisoners of war, in our disasters in Hong Kong and Malaya.

Those actually known to be killed are between two and three thousand.

"WAR IS WASTEFUL, BUT . . ."

His Excellency described the vast organisation behind the fighting lines and involved in the raising and operation of armed forces today and referred particularly to the new laboratories opened at Cawnpore for work on improvement of existing equipment or designing of new equipment. Research was going on elsewhere into medical problems of food problems and many others, some of which would be of great value to economic or social progress after the war." War is wasteful but it is not all waste", said His Excellency.—A. P.

FIGHTING IN BURMA

NEW DELHI, March 16.

Fighting continues north of Rathedaung, but up to yesterday evening, no further change in positions had taken place, says an India Command Joint War Communique. Activity has been concentrated chiefly in the area between Thaungdara and Kyauktan north north-east of Rathedaung where a series of fierce attacks and counter-attacks has been going on.

Throughout yesterday, R.A.F., bombers and fighters continued to give maximum support to our land forces in this sector. Bombs were seen to burst on all targets attacked and at one place, large fires were started among enemy occupied buildings. Low-flying fighters were active in the battle area and among other targets successfully attacked have been important enemy gun positions.

THREE ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED

During the morning, a force of enemy bombers with fighter escort attacked the Buthidaung area but only slight damage was caused. Shortly afterwards an R.A.F. formation of "Blenheims" escorted by "Hurricanes" returning from an operation further south, encountered the enemy and many combats ensued. Three enemy aircraft were destroyed and several others damaged.

Our losses were two fighters and a "Blenheim" but the crew of the "Blenheim" is known to be safe.

Last night R. A. F. "Liberators" attacked the Japanese base aerodrome at Toungoo in Central Burma.

From all these operations with the exception of the loss reported above, none of our aircraft is missing.

NO JOINT COMMAND FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, March 16.

Mr. Churchill turned down in the House of Commons to-day a suggestion for the appointment of a Commander-in-Chief in Britain over all the three services declaring that the successful co-operation and relationship achieved between the Army and Air Force in the Middle East will be taken as the model for operations under British Command elsewhere.

Mentioning the intimate Navy, Army and Air co-operation in the Middle East Mr. Churchill said "As far as co-operation between the Army and Air is concerned the Commander-in-Chief has worked in accordance with my ruling of October 7, 1941, which I quoted to the House on July 7, 1942. From this ruling has sprung the most successful co-operation between the Army and Air in the Middle East.—Reuter.

PATNA:—Consequent upon Government's removal of the ban on "Searchlight" the paper is likely to resume publication by the end of this month.

When Governor Did Not Accept Minister's Advice

Bengal Premier "Not In A Position To Give Any Answer"

CALCUTTA, Mar. 16.

There were interpellations in the Bengal Legislative Assembly today on the subject of "the Council of Ministers and their advice to His Excellency the Governor."

Mr. F. Stark (Secretary, European Group), enquired if the Chief Minister agreed with the statement issued by Dr. S. P. Mookerjee.

The Chair pointed out that Dr. Mookerjee's statement was issued after his resignation from the Cabinet. Mr. Stark was asking the opinion of the Chief Minister as to whether he agreed with that statement.

The Chair held that that was question of opinion and did not arise.

Mr. Tamizuddin Khan (Muslim League Opposition) asked the Chief Minister to state if Dr. Mookerjee's statement was correct.

Replying Mr. Huq said that Dr. Mookerjee's statement contained various statements of facts. Some of them might be true, some of them might not be true, and some of them might be matters of the opinion of Dr. Mookerjee on the relation between him and the Governor. Mr. Huq thought that this was a confusion of facts and he did not think that he was in a position to give any answer.

Mr. Tamizuddin Khan asked if it was a fact that in all these cases in which the Governor did not accept the advice of the Ministers, he took the Ministers into subsequent consultations and the Ministers concerned agreed with the views of the Governor.

Mr. Huq: I am not in a position to answer.—A. P.

Two Axis Ships Torpedoed

LONDON, March 16.

It is officially announced that two large Axis ships have been torpedoed this morning by light forces off Terschelling on the Dutch coast.—Reuter.

SCIENTISTS GIVE UP HUNGER-STRIKE

BANGALORE, March 16.

The Common Mess controversy in the Indian Institute of Science between the authorities and the students ended to-day, albeit temporarily.

An interim settlement has been arrived at between the Students' Committee and the Director of the Institute under which the construction of a common dining hall has been suspended pending the final decision of the Governing Council of the Institute meeting on March 29, when the students will be given an opportunity to represent their case fully.

Two students who had been fasting on this issue for over five days broke their fast last evening.—A. P.

"INTERIM MEMBERS OF DEFENCE COUNCIL"

NEW DELHI, March 15.

It is understood that Messrs. Jenkins, Baldwin and Pillai will be appointed as interim members of the National Defence Council in place of Sir H. P. Mody, Messrs. Aney and Sarkar.—Orient Press.

FIGHTING FRENCH CLEAR MISCONCEPTION

WASHINGTON, March 16.

Fighting French quarters in Washington to-night denied that the enlistment of French sailors in New York in Fighting French forces in any way interfered with war effort. They stated that fewer than 200 sailors had come over to them and said that only 50 out of a crew of 1,000 on the battleship Richlieu had gone over to General De Gaulle. No persuasion was used and the so-called deserters had been advised to return to their ships.—Reuter.

SHILLONG:—The Assam Legislative Assembly on Monday passed demands for grants under General Administration, Land Revenue and Civil Defence. Three cut motions were moved. One was withdrawn and two were lost.

SECOND FRONT IN OFFING!

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.

American military observers regard the Anglo-American Canadian anti-Submarine Warfare Conference as directly connected with the opening of a second front. Huge second front forces could only be supplied if the United Nations were able to keep open the supply line across the Atlantic for the flow of an immense amount of war materials.—Reuter.

Allies Hold Anti-'Sub' Conference

WASHINGTON, March 16.

The United States, Britain and Canada recently held a conference about anti-submarine warfare, it is disclosed tonight. "Complete agreement" was reached, it is announced. A series of Allied Conferences will continue.

Giraud Welcomes De Gaulle

LONDON, March 16.

According to the Algiers Radio General Giraud on Monday sent the following message to General Catroux, head of General de Gaulle's mission, "Yesterday I publicly gave an account of the principles which guide my policy. There is no ambiguity between us. I told General de Gaulle at Casablanca that there was need for an agreement.

The moment for the union of all Frenchmen of good faith has arrived. I am ready to receive General de Gaulle in order to give this union a concrete form, I ask you to notify him of this. I send you my friendly regards."

General Giraud told General Catroux that he was ready to receive General de Gaulle, the Algiers Radio said to-night.

An American Broadcaster on the Algiers Radio said to-night that General Catroux will probably be given an important post in the North African administration.

GIRAUD'S SECRETARY RESIGNS

Algiers radio confirmed to-day that the Secretary of Gen. Giraud's War Committee, Gen. Bergeret, has resigned. Gen. Giraud has accepted his resignation.

Non-Party Executive

Meeting On April 3 In New Delhi

NEW DELHI, March 16.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NON-PARTY CONFERENCE WILL MEET IN NEW DELHI ON SATURDAY, APRIL 3 AND SUNDAY APRIL 4.

SIR TEJ BAHADUR SAPRU WILL PRESIDE.—A. P.

MARTIAL LAW IN ESSEN

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 16.

Martial Law has been imposed at Essen, the home of the Krupps works recently bombed by the R. A. F., it is announced in the Essen newspaper, "National Zeitung."—Reuter.

Savoy 'Revolt'

Guerillas Reject Ultimatum

ZURICH, March 16.

The ultimatum to the Savoyan Guerillas has been rejected, only a few dozen of them surrendering, and serious developments are awaited hourly.

Many revolters are in uniform maintaining strict military discipline. Motorised French and Italian troops stationed at Thonon and Evian are proceeding towards the interior.

All roads are stated to be barricaded and barbed-wired. Telephone and telegraph wires to Switzerland have been cut by the Italians. It is unlikely that the defenders can resist long if attacked.—Reuter.

WHO IS GEN.-CARTIER?

LONDON: Reuter's diplomatic correspondent says, it would seem that "the revolt" of the Savoy mountaineers has been organised on the personal initiative of General Cartier, the elderly Savoyard diehard General who enjoys great local popularity.

He formerly commanded the Chasseurs Alpines at Grenoble many of whom have probably joined him.—Reuter.

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Food Price Control In America?

MILWAUKEE, Mar. 16.

Special 'community prices' are to be fixed for various localities in the United States under new regulations for the control of retail food prices now being prepared in the United States. This was announced here to-day by the Price Administrator, Mr. Prentiss M. Brown.—Reuter.

SCARCITY IN TASGAON TALUKA

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:

A state of scarcity has been declared in the Tasgaon Taluka of Satara District. The Government of Bombay has placed Rs. 4,000 at the disposal of the Collector for gratuitous relief to the old and decrepit and inferior village servants. Rs. 2,500 for road relief works; Rs. 1,000 for expenditure on water supplies; Rs. 7,500 for tagai loans; and Rs 2,000 for the free grant of fodder.

LONDON:—Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands returned to London on Tuesday from Algiers co-piloting a new bomber for the Royal Netherlands Naval Air Arm.

STOP PRESS

AMERICAN LEGION CHIEF FOR AFRICA

NEW YORK, Mar. 16.

The Commander of the American Legion Mr. Roane Warin is going to North-Africa shortly. On his return he will report to the nation about actual conditions there.

WASHINGTON: Japanese positions at Vila and Munda in the Solomons were bombed on Monday according to a Navy Department 'communique.'

RATION CARDS FOR NEWSPAPERS

NEW DELHI, March 16.

Mr. N. R. Pillai, Commerce Secretary, had a conference with the representatives of leading importers and dealers of newsprint to discuss the distribution of newsprint to newspapers and the working of the ration card system.

It is understood that a general agreement was reached on major points. Government, under the scheme, will issue Ration Cards to the newspapers who will secure their supplies from the dealers.

The future imports of newsprint will be distributed to the newspapers through dealers nominated by the Government. The Government is taking stock of the existing newsprint with the dealers. Ration Cards will be issued to the newspapers with due regard to the stock of newsprint a particular paper may be holding. —A. P.

CHURCHILL EXONERATES HIS SON

LONDON, March 16.

Mr. Churchill received a great ovation on re-entering the House of Commons following his illness.

Mr. Churchill was questioned in the Commons to-day regarding the letter to a London newspaper written by his son, Captain Randolph Churchill, while attached to the intelligence service in North Africa.

The letter deplored the tendency to regard any Frenchman who had served under Vichy as necessarily a traitor and defended the appointment of M. Peyrouton as Governor-General of Algeria.

Mr. Churchill said that he was advised that the letter did not fall under the restrictions in the King's Regulations dealing with officers writing to newspapers on military affairs, as it dealt with political matters. The Prime Minister said that the letter appeared to express a perfectly arguable point of view and one shared by many responsible people—American, British and French—in this theatre of war.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) suggested that Capt. Randolph Churchill, while an officer, was commenting on the behaviour of his own Commander-in-Chief as the Prime Minister and Mr. Roosevelt had said that Gen. Eisenhower would determine relations with Vichy officials in North Africa.

Mr. Astor asked Mr. Churchill if he was aware that censorship regulations in the Middle East prevented officers and men from writing on political subjects in connection with their service.

Mr. Churchill replied that he was not aware of any special regulation and was not so advised by the War Office". The letter had been referred to the authorities on the spot.

Mr. Bevan considered Mr. Churchill's reply entirely unsatisfactory and said that he would raise the matter again.—Reuter.

Br. Prisoners Of War In Far East

LONDON, March 16.

Definite news has now been received regarding nearly 95 per cent of the men originally reported missing at Hongkong but news is still lacking concerning the great majority of those missing in other Far Eastern theatres of war, the Secretary of War, Sir James Grigg, informed the Commons to-day.

The welfare of prisoners has been somewhat improved by the arrival of British and Dominion Red Cross supplies but drastic restrictions imposed by the Japanese on visits and correspondence mean that there is little reliable information.—Reuter.

4 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN

LONDON:—Of the 20 aircraft reported to have taken part on Monday night's visit to the north-east coast of England, not more than half came over land, and of these four were destroyed. The total of this activity was slight damage and no casualties. Four of the crew of a German bomber who baled out when the plane was shot down in flames were all in R.A.F. custody on Tuesday. —Reuter.

RELEASED JOURNALIST INTERNED

SILCHAR: Mr. Hemanta Kumar Gupta, a Shillong journalist, was released from the Silchar Jail, on the expiry of his full term of imprisonment of six months. At the jail gate he was served with an internment order directing him to remain in his village Dalia, P. S. Moulavibazar, until further order, and not to leave the place without the previous permission of the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet.

"Resign From National War Front"

PATNA:—The Working Committee of the Bihar Provincial Muslim League has passed a resolution asking two of its members to resign from the Nation War Front in obedience to the instruction of Mr. Jinnah.

PESHAWAR:— Mr. C. VAN Evert, American Minister in Afghanistan who arrived here from Delhi has left for Kabul.

Leaguers To Vote Against Finance Bill

Sant Singh's Plea In Central Assembly For Non-Party National Government

NEW DELHI, March 16

The "United Press" learns that the Muslim League Party in the Central Assembly has decided to oppose the Finance Bill and vote against it.

The division in the consideration of the Finance Bill is expected to take place to-morrow evening.

PLEA FOR NATIONAL GOVT.

The establishment of a National Government at the Centre immediately to end the present 'impasse' and to stir up India's war effort was demanded by Sardar Sant Singh in the Central Assembly in the course of the Budget debate to-day.

He narrated, what he called, the repeated failures of the British Government, to meet the political aspirations of India.

Deadlock Must Be Ended

He suggested that the Viceroy should invite all the different parties and interests in the country and ask them to select a leader, who should be entrusted with the task of forming a National Government.

If Congress and Muslim League stood out, let them do so, but power should be transferred to other elements in the country. He urged the Government not to intensify feelings of frustration in the country any more but to try to end the political deadlock with the least possible delay.

ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

The President urged "self-restraint" on speakers this morning when the Assembly began the fourth day of the debate on the First Reading of the Finance Bill.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Labour Member, replied to charges of Government "extravagance" in the use of paper. He pointed out that while shortage of paper did exist, there was no actute suffering. Supporting his statement the Labour Member gave figures of publications in England and India and said while in 1940 in England 11,000 publications were issued, the corresponding figure for India was 15,000.

HANNIBAL'S ELEPHANTS

Government, nevertheless, had applied as much economy as was possible. For instance, the Government of India had abolished something like 140 forms and suspended others. "Indian Information" was to be reduced to half its present size and the Controller of Printing and Stationery had been given power to examine the essentiality of any publication.

After all "hannibal's elephants cannot learn to goose-step," (laughter) although he claimed that even the majestic and slow-moving Government of India had learned to goose-step. (Sir Frederick James: "It is quite young) (laughter)

Dr. Ambedkar said he was not ready at this stage without further information to accept the suggestion to form a committee of the kind which was said to be at work in the United Kingdom but the Government of India had obtained financial sanction for the appointment of an officer known as the Commercial Master Printer, who would be able to do what the Committee in England was said to have done.

INDIA NOT IN PICTURE

As regards Mr. Jamnadas Mehta's complaint that no Indian Labour Representative had been invited to the Dominion Labour Conference. Dr. Ambedkar said that his Department was not consulted by the conveners of the Conference and it could not, therefore, do anything in the matter.

JINNAH ATTENDS

For the first time in the present session Mr. Mohammedali Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, attended the Assembly today. He was cheered by the Muslim League Party as he entered the Chamber, halfway through the morning's debate.

Mr. Ghiasuddin referred to the hardships of Indians in East Africa, especially in the highlands of Kenya and asked the Government of India to represent to His Majesty's Government and get the highlands opened up to Indian Settlers.

He viewed with concern the proposal of the East African authorities to set up a Textile Imports' Corporation with monopolistic powers.

"Before You Abdicate....."

Mr. Ghiasuddin next dealt with the problems of unemployment, which would face our soldiers, at the time of demobilisation, and urged the present Government of India to do before her inevitable abdication in favour of some other Government, something

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BUSY DAY FOR EDEN

Talks With Hull, Welles, Morgenthau And Nash

WASHINGTON, March 16.

The British Foreign Secretary Mr. Eden saw the New Zealand Minister in Washington Mr. Walter Nash this morning.

Later he conferred with Governor Al Smith and Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Assistant Secretary of State. Mr. Eden lunched with Mr. Morgenthau, United States Secretary to the Treasury, at the British Embassy.

This afternoon he was having a talk with Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State and the two men were to meet again at dinner at the Embassy at which Mr. Norman Davis was also to be a guest.

Mr. Eden is lunching with the Soviet Ambassador M. Litvinov to-morrow. Mr. Eden saw Mr. Hull for a few minutes this morning and is resuming conferences with him this afternoon.

Earlier

Reuter's special correspondent writes: Though Mr Eden's visit to Washington is not expected to produce "Headline News", he will explore with American leaders and representatives of Russia and China many vital matters of post-war political development and reconstruction.

It was apparent at Mr. Cordell Hull's press conference to-day, which Mr. Eden attended, that the two men had already found common ground.

SOONG SEES EDEN

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Dr. Soong, conferred on Monday night with the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Eden at the British Embassy.——Reuter.

WON'T LET DOWN ZEMINDARS' FLAG

LAHORE:—The Punjab Government will throw its full weight to prevent the re-imposition of control on wheat. This was emphasised by Sir Chhoturam, Revenue Minister in the Punjab Assembly.

REASON WHY

Sir Chhoturam said that the Punjab Zamindar was forced to part with his wheat last year at the control rate of Rs. 5 per maund. The control had, however, been recently removed and it would be grievous injustice to the Zamindars of the Punjab if the control was re-imposed. The Punjab, he declared, could not undertake to feed Madras, Bombay and other rice-producing areas when rice was not controlled.

No Recurrence Of Disturbances, Says U. P. Governor

LUCKNOW, March 15.

"Whatever their intentions, those who took part in the August Disturbances were directly assisting the enemy, and such disturbances must in no circumstances be allowed to recur," said Sir Maurice Hallet, Governor of the United Provinces, replying to addresses presented to him by the District Municipal Board, Rae Bareli, to-day.

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WHEREAS the Government of Bombay has, by notification in the Home Department No. S. D. 3330, dated the 7th September 1939, ordered that the powers conferred on it by sub-rule (1) of rule 52 of the Defence of India Rules shall be exercised on its behalf by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, within his jurisdiction:

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the said notification, I. H. E. Butler, O.B.E., Commissioner of Police, Bombay, do hereby make the following order:—

(I) Notifications Nos.. 2880/393, dated the 23rd February, 1942 and 7141/393 dated the 26th May, 1942, are hereby cancelled.

(II) For para 4 of notification No. 107/393 dated the 6th January, 1942, substitute the following:—

(1) No light other than a white light shall be carried in front of a motor vehicle without the previous permission of the licensing authority.

(2) All lamps capable of throwing a beam carried in front of a motor vehicle whether for the time being alight or not shall be screened in the following manner:—
A single sheet of thin brown paper shall cover the top half of the glass.

(3) No bulbs of more than 36 watts. shall be used in head lamps and no bulbs of more than 6 watts. shall be used in side, tail or stop lamps on any motor vehicle.

H. E. BUTLER,
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office;
Bombay, 15th March, 1943. 3777

G. I. P. RAILWAY

THE "DECCAN QUEEN"

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for the information of the public that the DECCAN QUEEN will also run on the following days:—
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RAMSINGH,
491, Sandhurst Road,
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED to take on Lease or to purchase immovable property at Chembur, near Golf Club, area 7078 Sq. Yds., with garden, well and two Chawls, suitable for factory and residence.

RATILAL R. KALOLA,
Advocate,
Ravindra House,
Dhobi Talao, Bombay. 1131

NOTICE

THE APOLLO MILLS, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been received by the Directors of this Company to issue duplicates of share certificates for 700 shares of the Company Nos. 2394676/2395175; Nos. 2205326/2205425; and Nos. 2267526/2267625, standing in the name of the Bombay Trust Corporation Ltd., and 100 shares Nos. 2301376/2301475 standing in the name of Mr. Pranlal Bhurabhai Nawlkha, and thereafter for the transfer of these shares in the respective names of (1) Mrs. Alamai D. Dubash, (2) Mrs. Mota Rustomji Daruwalla and Another, (3) Mr. Behaman Jehangir J. Cursetji and Another and (4) Bai Meherbai M. Aibra, upon the statement that the original certificates with the relatives completed transfer deeds have been lost. And Notice is hereby given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original certificates is made to the said Directors at the Company's Office at E. D. Sassoon Building, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay they will then proceed to deal with such application for issue of duplicate share certificates and transfer of the relative shares.

Dated the 16th day of March, 1943.

P. M. MADON & SONS,
Share Brokers,
Stock Exchange Bldg.,
Bombay. 3774

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KRISHNARAO SHIVRAM KADAM, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 35, Dalal Street, Examiner Press Building, 2nd Floor, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land of Fazandari, containing by admeasurement Sixty-nine square yards and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's New Survey No. 8298 and C. S. No. 134 of Bhuleshwar Division together with the tenement or building standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under "C" Ward No. 2568 and Street Nos. 25-27 all which premises are situate at the South side of Second Marine Street in the City and Registration District of Bombay and are bounded on or towards the EAST by the First Marine Cross Lane, on or towards the WEST by the property of Hamid Mahomed, on or towards the NORTH by the Second Marine Street and on or towards the SOUTH by the Sweeper's passage and were formerly and are now in the occupation of the Vendor's tenants.

Bombay, dated this 16th day of March, 1943.

TAHER & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 3773

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mrs. GOOL DARA PANDAY and Mrs. PERIN LENTIN, the Executrices of the Will of the late Bai Piroja Jehangir Panderia, both of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL Persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office, situate at Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL those pieces or parcels of land or ground now formed in one plot of the quit and ground rent tenure situate, lying and being at Kawasji Patel Street and Nadirshaw Sukhia Street, within the Fort and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 263 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Land Revenue under Old Nos. 260-261-262 and 262 New Nos. 5144, 5145, 5146, 5147 and A/5147, Old Survey Nos. 379-380-381-382, New Survey Nos. 8982 8983, 8984 and 8985 and bearing Cadastral Survey Nos. 639, 640 and 641 in the Fort Division of the Bombay City Survey together with a dwelling house and all buildings standing thereon and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward 1 (A) Nos. 1505 to 1508, Old Street Nos. 82-84 and 86-88 and New Street Nos. 12 to 12C and 10 to 10B and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the North by the property formerly of Abbasbhoy Abdul Hoosein Tajbhoy and then of Ahmedally Mulla Kasella and now of Gulamhussein Abdullabhoy, on or towards the South by Barber Lane now called Nardirsha Sukhia Street, on or towards the West by the property formerly of Dhanjibhai Kikabhai Hotelwalla and now of Abdul Azizbin Alfazli and on or towards the East by the said Kawasji Patel Street.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1943.

DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 3772

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the clients of Messrs. DHARAMSI DINKARRAU and NANDLAL that the papers and proceedings in all completed matters attended to by us on behalf of our clients where the bills have been paid, will be destroyed by us after a fortnight from the date hereof. If any of the clients require any such papers they should take them away from us within a fortnight from the date hereof. Otherwise they will be destroyed without any further notice.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1943.

DHARAMSI DINKARRAU & NANDLAL,
Solicitors, High Court.

6-10 Dean Lane,
Fort, Bombay. 1775

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. FREDOON ARDESHIR TOPALIA, sole surviving Executor of the last Will and Testament of the late Mr. Ardeshir Bomanji Topalia, has contracted to sell the undermenticned property to my clients free from incumbrances.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, lease, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his Office at Shri Krishna Nivas Building, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay, within 15 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY REFERRED TO ABOVE:—

ALL that piece of land of Quit and ground rent tenure (redeemed) at or near Duncan Road, Bombay, admeasuring about 130 Sq. Yds. registered with the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 2382, New No. 9431 Old Survey No 847, New Survey No. 4282 and Cadastral Survey No. 4083 of the Bhuleshwar Division together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house and structures standing thereon and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under (5) C Ward No. 7384, Street Nos. 323-325 and bounded as follows that is to say, on the North by the property of Mahomedmia Ahmedmia Khandwani, on the South by the property of Fakrudin Esufali, on the East by a sweeper's passage and beyond that by the property of Bankatlal Govindlal and on the West by the said Duncan Road.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1943.

BYRAMJI KAWASJI MISTRY,
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Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy property Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction TO-DAY WEDNESDAY, the 17th March, 1943. at 11-30 A.M. (N. S. T.) at the Office of M/s. Gorio Ltd at Hornby Road, Fort (above Singer & Co.) the undermentioned properties of Mr. Nishimura, Mr. Suganuma and ors. all vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

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Bequests To Charity Void

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Chagla.)

Cursetbai C. Dossabhoy and another ..... Appellants (Original Plaintiffs)

Versus

Hamabai J. Wadia and others Respondents (Original Defendants)

This was an appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Kania. One Meherbai widow of Burjorji Cowasji Lali died on 23rd May, 1913, leaving a will dated 19th December 1912, by which he set apart Rs. 25,000 the income of which was to be paid to her son Ardeshir for life and thereafter the corpus was to go as Ardeshir might appoint, and in default of appointment, among Ardeshir's widow and children in certain proportions. If Ardeshir died without exercising the power of appointment and without leaving widow or children this Rs. 25,000 was to go to charity. Ardeshir was adjudg. a lunatic in 1922 and died in 1941 without exercising the power of appointment and without leaving widow or children.

The will was deposited with the Sub Registrar within six months of its execution but the testatrix Meherbai died within a year of its execution leaving a son Ardeshir and a nephew.

The appellants who were some of the residuary legatees under the Will filed this suit contending that Section 118 of the Indian Succession Act not having been complied with the bequest to charity was void and that this Rs. 25,000 therefore fell into the residue.

Mr. Justice Kania held that Section 118 had no application to a contingent bequest to charity like the present one and was therefore valid. From this the plaintiffs appealed.

Mr. Justice Chagla delivering the judgment of the Appellate Bench stated that Section 118 imposed only two conditions,—first that the Will must be executed not less than 12 months before death and secondly that it must be deposited within six months of its execution. The first condition not having been fulfilled their Lordships held that the bequest to charity was void whether it be contingent or direct. Their Lordships therefore allowed the appeal.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga instructed by Messrs. Vakil Dadabhoy and Bharucha appeared for the appellants.

Mr. Murzban Mistree instructed by Messrs. Aibara and Co. appeared for respondents 1, 2 and 4.

Mr. F. J. Coltman instructed by the Assistant Solicitor to the Government of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Desai appeared for the fifth defendant, the Advocate-General.

New Governing Board Of Bombay Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Monday.

The results for the election of the Governing Board of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association (Bombay Stock Exchange) provided some surprises For 16 seats there were 25 candidates, out of which 14 candidates offered themselves for re-election. Out of the fourteen old directors four were unsuccessful while six new candidates got through the election.

The following 16 candidates were declared to have been duly elected for the year 1943 44:—

Messrs. Amratlal Kalidas, K. K. P. Shroff Harkisondass Laxmidass, Jamnadas Morarji Mangaldas Rao Saheb Kantilal Iserlal, Messrs R. K. Motishaw K. B. Vakil J. K. Motishaw, Fali Jehangir Guzdar, V. K. Gandhi, Bhaidas Maganlal, D. C. Mehta, J. J. Kapadia, B. A. Billimoria and Jeshingbhai Balabhai.

G. I. P. Workers And Strike Issue

Mr. S. C. Joshi, the General Secretary of the G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union has issued the following statement to the Press:

The Government of India have now announced that the rate of dearness allowance will be increased and its benefit will be extended to more employees. The revision though welcome is halting and also disappointing. The increased rate is not proportionate to the actual increase in the cost of living. The increase in the rate of the allowance is not uniform. For places like Bombay, Calcutta and Cawnpore, the increase is 50 per cent, for places with a population of 2 1/2 lakhs and over the increase is 33 per cent and for 'B' and 'C' zones the increase only 25 per cent and 16 per cent respectively. There is no justification for this, as the rise in the prices of the necessaries of life in the rural areas if not more is at least the same as in the urban area. The revised rates of the allowance have not been made with retrospective effect as was recently done by the Government of Bombay, viz. from the 1st of November 1942. In view of this, the Union will have to reconsider its decision recommending a general strike, that it had recently taken at the special conference. The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Union is being called for this purpose.

SIND LEAGUERS' PLANS FOR WELFARE OF MASSES

KARACHI, March 16.

Plans for the amelioration of the condition of the Muslims of Sind were considered at a meeting of Council of the Sind Provincial Muslim League held under the presidentship of Khanbahadur M. A Khuhro, the Revenue Minister.

The meeting considered that it was necessary that the efforts of the Muslim League should be directed to the formulation of constructive programme aimed at the Agricultural, industrial and educational advancement of the masses of the Province. It was therefore decided to open more primary branches of the League in the various districts and also to strengthen the Muslim League National Guards throughout the province.

The meeting also considered the Government's control policy and urged that the control price of wheat should be raised to Rs. 8/- per maund and also that the Zamindars should be permitted to store wheat for their own requirements. It was further recommended that a special officer should be appointed to deal with the control work. The withdrawal of prosecutions already filed under the Defence of India Rules against Zamindr was also urged.—A. P.

Postpone Senate Elections

GUNTUR March 15.

A resolution requesting the Government to postpone the elections of the Senate of the Andhra University to 1945 in view of the present circumstances in the country was passed at the Annual Meeting of the Senate held here Sir C. R. Reddi, Vice-Chancellor presiding.

The meeting also resolved by a majority of votes that the proceedings of the Senate should be conducted as far as feasible in Telugu. The academic Council of the University which met prior to the Senate meeting approved the recommendation of the Senate to the Syndicate that early steps should be taken to see that compulsory medical inspection of students was provided in all the affiliated colleges of the University.—A. P.

SICKNESS INSURANCE FOR LABOUR

CALCUTTA March 15.

The Government of India in the Department of Labour have, it is learnt, accepted the advisability of introducing a sickness insurance scheme in the country. They have appointed Prof. Adharkar of Allahabad University to prepare a scheme which is in the first instance, to be applied to cotton and jute textile industries and heavy engineering industries.

Provincial Governments who were addressed on the matter have agreed to give a guarantee to reimburse a Central Sickness Insurance Fund. After a draft has been prepared Provincial Governments and Associations of employers and workers would be asked to express their views. Prof. Adharkar will be assisted in his work by a panel of advisers, representing employers and workers.—A. P.

KARACHI: Charan Singh, a bogus military officer, was sentenced on Monday to 12 months' rigorous imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules. He was found in uniform in a railway compartment.—United Press.

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KHATAU S. C.'s VICTORY OVER BRITANNIA SPORTS

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In the other encounter, the Parsi Cyclists and Bhimraj struggled even into extra time without obtaining any result, the game producing everything except hockey, with sticks finding their mark not infrequently on the opponents' legs and sometimes fly ing through space.

TO-DAY'S GAMES

G.I.P. 'B' v. Bombay Telephones, 4-45 p.m.
St. Xavier's 'B' v. Bombay Gymkhana, 6 p.m.

RANJI TROPHY FINAL

MADRAS, March 16

The final match of the Cricket Championship of India for the Ranji Trophy between the Baroda Cricket Association and the Hyderabad State Cricket Association will be played at Hyderabad (Dn.) from 26th March onwards. The match will be played to a finish.—A.P.

Ceylonese Association To Have New Constitution

At the annual general meeting of the Ceylonese Association of India held in Bombay on March 14th, in the "Ceylon House" Sir Baron Jayatilaka, Kt. High Commissioner for Ceylon in India was elected Patron, and Mr. Annesley de Silva, Trade Commissioner for Ceylon in Bombay, Vice-Patron. Mr David Pieris, grandson of Sir C. H and Lady de Soysa, the greatest philanthropists of Ceylon was unanimously elected President. Other office-bearers elected were: Mrs. V. S. Singham, Vice-President, Mr. I. J Fernando and Mr. Jayarajan, Hon. Secretaries, and Mr. S. Fernando, Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Pieris, the new President, stated that the Association will have a new constitution and the Committee appointed to draw it, will make it a point to see that the Association confined its activities to the social side and eschew as far as possible politics. He assured them that he would do all in his power to promote harmony and concord amongst those with whom they had to dwell.

Mr. Raymond B. Gooneskare, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. V. S. C. Singham, the former President, whose valuable services, he said had enabled the Association to be put on the map. He was unsparing in his efforts to assist Ceylon.

Postal Holiday

Friday, March 19, will be a Post Office Holiday on account of Id-i-Milad. All the Departments of the Bombay G.P.O. and its T.S.O.s will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays. The Telegraph Branches of the following Combined Offices will, however, remain open and work as usual. Colaba, Kalbadevi, Masjid, Mazagaon, Bombay G.P.O., Byculla, Girgaon, Malabar Hill, Parel, Dadar, Bandra, Mahim, Mandvi, Grant Road, Santa Cruz, Vile Parle, Matunga, Malabar Point T. O. The other Combined Offices will remain entirely closed on that day.

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SWASTIK—"Lalaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Tamanna" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
STRAND—"Twin Beds" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
EXCELSIOR—"My Favorite Blonde" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"Between Us Girls" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—Holiday Inn 4, 6-30 and 9-30
MINERVA—"Sharda" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—To The Shores Of Tripoli 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Khan Baan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Prarthana" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
AURORA—"Defeat of the Germans Near Moscow" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Zamindar" 3, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Gharki Laj" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Beti" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10
OPERA HOUSE—"Fariad" 5, 7-30, 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Kaljug" 4-45, 7-15 and 10
PLAZA—"Pahila Palna" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
CENTRAL—"Pahili Manglagour" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
ROXY—"Kismet" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Yad" Time as usual.

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

ISLAMIC SOCIETY MEETINGS: To-day (Wednesday), Mr. A. A. A. Faizee will speak on "Legal Reforms of the Prophet" at 6 p.m. at Begmohamed Baug. On the 19th at 9 p.m. a mammoth public meeting will be held at Kaiser Baug, Dongri, when Nawab Bahadur Yarjung and several other speakers will address on various aspects of the life and work of the Prophet.

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION: The 25th annual general meeting of the members of the Association will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. in the Association Rooms at Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Bombay.

NEW GRAIN DEALERS' ASSOCIATION: General meeting at 9 p.m. at the New Dongri Market.

SOCIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL: Annual general meeting, Sanitary Institute, Museum Hall, (Ground Floor), Princess Street, to-day (Wednesday) at 12-30 p.m.

GRANT COLLEGE MEDICAL SOCIETY: A clinical meeting of the Society will be held at Grant Medical College Library, to-day (Wednesday) at 4 p.m.

CONDOLENCE MEETING: A public condolence meeting in memory of the late Mr. M. C. Mazmudar, a prominent Scout, will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m. at the Bharda New High School Hall, Waudby Road, Fort. Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji will preside over the meeting and the speakers will include Sir Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Sir Hormazdiar Dastoor, Ex-Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. Tyrrel, Dr. H. D. Dastur Mr. C. B. Sethna and others.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: A public meeting will be held at Clerk Road to-day (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. Mr. B. R. Kadrekar, Propaganda Officer will speak on "Support War Efforts."

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Short talk on "What is Evolution?" followed by questions and answers, Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m.

A.R.P.—MATUNGA: Lecture on "A.R.P. Organization—General and Local" by Mr. T. V. Mahadevan, to-day (Wednesday) at Ramnarain Ruia College, at 9-15 p.m. Mr. S. Vengiswamy, Group Warden, will preside.

BOMBAY SHROFFS' ASSOCIATION, LTD.: Members of Bombay Shroffs' Association Ltd., should keep their Hundi and other business closed to-day (Wednesday) on account of demise of Seth Vadilal Chhaganlal.

BIJAPUR FAMINE RELIEF FUND: Saraswati Amateurs will stage a Kannada Drama "Talikote" at Victoria Theatre, Grant Road, on Sunday, March 28 at 9-30 a.m. in aid of Bijapur Famine Relief Fund.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP TEA DANCE: The Progressive Group is putting aside its intellectual activity for once and is putting over a show in the shape of a tea dance, which will be held at the Taj on Wednesday, (24th instant) from 6 p.m. onwards. There will be ample recreations. Tea or drinks are included in the ticket and arrangements have been made to enable the hungry to order out the "eats".

PROMOTE WAR EFFORTS: A meeting was held at Dharavi on Monday evening when Mr. S. B. Desai, Director of the National War Front explained the aims and objects of the Front, and appealed to the people to extend their full support to its cause and Mr. P. M. Raje, Propaganda Officer made an appeal to the people to help Allies by promoting war efforts in all possible ways.

CIVIL DEFENCE MEASURES: While every measure necessary to reduce to the minimum the sufferings of the people from an enemy attack on Bombay has been taken by the authorities, it is for the people to take advantage of these measures if they want to protect themselves.

This in gist was what was told by Mr. A. A. Munshi, Secretary of 'B' Ward Civil Defence Committee, to a gathering assembled on Monday night at the Sheriff Devji Street to witness Civil Defence films.

Augmentation of the Fire Fighting Services, inauguration of the Auxiliary Fire Service, establishment of the Fire-watching Organisation and starting of rest camps (where people rendered homeless due to enemy action would receive shelter, food, cloth ing) were some of the steps that have been taken on behalf of the Joint Civil Defence Committee.

MILKMEN'S REQUEST: The Secretary of the Bombay Milch Cattle Owners' Association, have addressed a letter to Mr. H. F. Knight, adviser to the Governor of Bombay, pointing out that the prices of hay has increased by leaps and bounds, and that adequate quantities are not coming to Bombay. He has suggested control of hay prices, allotment of 90 wagons a day for import of hay into Bombay city and the prohibition of the export of hay from Bulsar and certain other places anywhere except to Bombay.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE: The annual prize distribution gathering of Mahila Seva Mandal Industrial schools for women conducted by the Social Service League, Bombay, was held on the 13th instant at the Damodar Thackersey Hall, Parel, Mr. Madhavlal M. Bhatt, presiding. Mrs. Shantagauri M. Bhatt gave away prizes to the successful students. A programme of garba and other dances, dramatic pieces, pantomime, etc., was gone through. The president, Mr. Bhatt, enlogized the services and declared his intention of becoming a life-member of the League by paying Rs. 500 and also gave a donation of Rs. 25 for giving special prizes to the two girls who gave the best performance.

DECCAN AMATEURS' CLUB, DADAR: Under the auspices of the Deccan Amateurs' Club, Dadar, an open competition of music for Amateurs only will be held in the month of April, 1943, in 'Dhuru Hall', Dadar. Prizes will be awarded.

Particulars can be had before 5th of April 1943 at 'Dhuru Hall' Chhabildas Road, Dadar, Bombay.

FACTORY WORKERS AND HOLIDAYS: The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—Some misunderstanding appears to have arisen in regard to the exemption granted to factories in the Town and Island of Bombay observing the list of holidays drawn up by the Millowners' Association, Bombay, in regard to the holiday on Sunday, March 14.

March 8 was declared a public holiday in the City of Bombay to ensure the speedy distribution of ration cards. As there is an unusually large number of holidays during the month, owing to extra holidays on account of Holi, it was found necessary to permit the factories concerned to work instead on March 14 so that the earnings of workers, particularly those on the piece rate, should not be affected by the holiday granted on March 8 and production should not suffer.

THANA VILLAGE GETS SYKES SHIELD: The Sir Frederick Sykes Challenge Shield for the best village improvement work done during 1941 in the Northern Division of Bombay Province, has been awarded to the village of Washala, in the Shahapur taluka of Thana district.

OLD TYPE MEN CAN'T DEAL WITH NEW PROBLEMS

KARACHI, March, 16.

"We are all looking forward to the time when we shall be able to beat our swords into ploughshares; and when that time comes, it seems to me that Karachi is particularly well suited from many points of view to take advantage of the diversion of the arts of war to the purposes of peace. It is not too early to start planning for that diversion for when the opportunity comes it will need to be seized quickly, said His Excellency the Governor of Sind, Sir Hugh Dow, opening the branch office of Bharat Bank here last evening.

The Governor expressed his confidence that it only needed vision and energy on the part of the businessmen of Sind to ensure that the agricultural and industrial development of the Province would proceed at a very rapid rate during the next few years.

MEN AND MACHINERY

"I am sometimes a little depressed" said His Excellency "by the thought that the growing complexity of our economic problems and therefore of our administrative machinery, is outstripping the capacity of our public servants and of our non-official public workers to deal with them or in other words that our Educational system is till turning out men of the old type to deal with problems of a very new type. I could elaborate this further but I leave with you the suggestion that if this true it is not good business and that perhaps here is need for business men to exercise a little more pressure on those who are responsible for educational policy."—A. P.

Telephones Become 'Essential'

NEW DELHI, March 16

An ordinance issued to-day provides that any person engaged in employment under the Bengal Telephone Corporation Ltd., the Bombay Telephone Company, Ltd., or the Madras Telephone Company, Ltd., on the 31st day of March, 1943, shall, unless the Central Government has before that date intimated that his services will not be required, be deemed to have been taken into employment under the Crown immediately before the 1st day of April, 1943, and thereupon the provisions of the Essential Services (Maintenance) Ordinance, 1941, with respect to employment under the Crown shall apply to such person.—A.P.

TANJORE: The death occurred last evening of Raja Bahadur G. Krishnamachariar (76), former President of H. E. H. the Nizam's Judicial Committee at his residence here.

CITY CORPORATION GETS YEAR'S EXTENSION

The Government of Bombay proposes to extend the term of the Municipal Corporation of Bombay by another year until April 1, 1945.

This is necessary because certain legislative amendments cannot be carried out in time for the elections to be held in 1944. These amendments, regarding qualifications of voters, preparation of electoral rolls, conduct of elections and redistribution of wards, necessitated by the introduction of adult franchise, are still under consideration by the Corporation and it is not possible to complete the preliminaries in time to enable elections to be held before the expiry of the present term. Extension of the term of the Corporation is therefore inevitable.

A draft Bill has been published and any objections or suggestions should be submitted to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, General Department, before April 15.

A.-I. CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, Tuesday

Mr. Aloysius Soares, ex-President, All India Catholic Congress, Mr Joachim Alva, Nationalist Christian leader, and Mr. F. D Melton, of the East Indian Association, left Bombay by the Frontier Mail for Delhi on Tuesday evening to attend the sessions of the All-India Christian Conference, at Delhi on Friday. Mrs. Violet Alva, member of the All-India Council of Indian Christian Conference also left for Delhi by the same train.—A.P.

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TO-DAY ON RADIO

WEDNESDAY, March 17

Delhi I.—Programme

5 p.m. Amir Khan (Of Indore). 5-15 Recitation. 5-20 For Women 6-45 Air voice orchestra 7 Manke Ek Column Navin 6 7-15 Farhat Jahan Bibbo 7-30 Roshan Lal Bhatnagar 7-45 For villagers only 8-30 The voice of America. 8-45 Roshan Lal Bhatnagar. 8-55 Instrumental duet 9-45 Filmi duets. 10 "Khawind ki Talash 10-20 Farhat Jahan Bibbo: 10-30 Amir Khan (Of Indore) 10-45 Roshan Lal Bhatnagar 10-55 Ishrat Begam.

Bombay I.—Programme

7 a.m. Nazir Husain: 8-5 News in Hindustani 8-15 News in English 8-30 Tarabai Terdal 8-50 News in Marathi 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Sarojini Rege 9-20 Dadras from Disc 9-30 Shankerrao Joshi 9-55 Air Trio 12-30 p.m. Bhavgeets 12-45 News in Marathi 12-50 News in Gujarati 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 A musical variety 1-30 News in English 1-40 Lunch hour programme 5 Tomorrow 5-5 D. K. Swami 5-25 Anwar Ali 5-35 Tarabai Terdal 5-55 Local news and announcements 6 Nana and Mani. 6-30 News in English 6-40 News in Hindustani 6-45 Jang Ka Rang 6-50 Sarojini Rege 7 to 7-15 Hindustani car songs recorded. 7-35 Anwar Ali 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati 8-5 Shankerrao Joshi. 8-25 In the news. 8-25 Music 8-30 The voice of America 8-45 News Review 9-0 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani 9-20 News in English 9-30 B B C news relay 9-45 Shankerrao Joshi 10 Air orchestra 10-30 Mirabai ke bhajan.

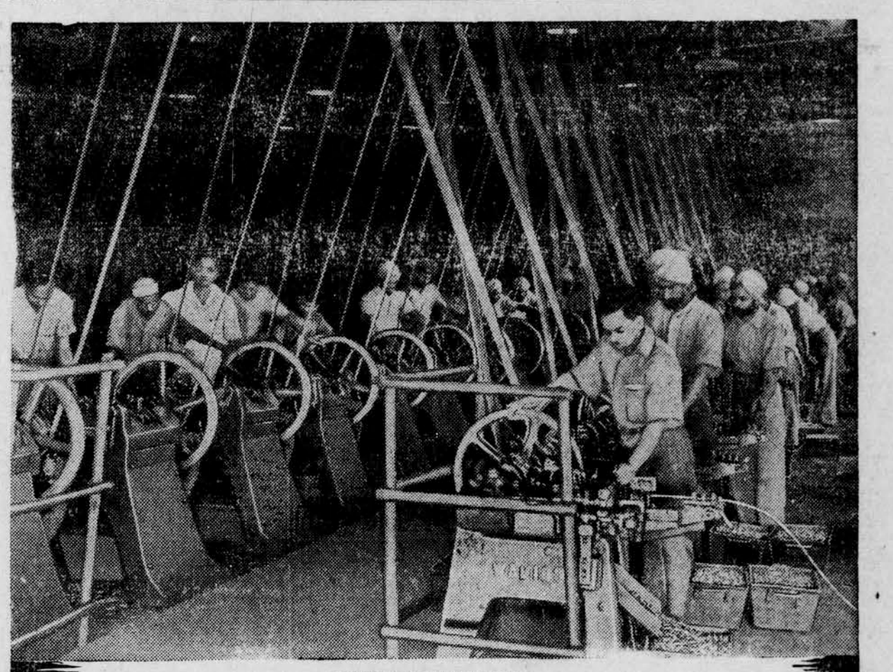
Bombay II.—Programme

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay I. 8-5 Variety 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay I. 8-50 Anwar Ali, 9 D. K. Swami 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay I.

12-30 to 2-30 As in Bombay I.

5 to 7-15 As in Bombay I 7-15 Interval. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 D. K. Swami. 7-55 Jaitarang Solo 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay I. 9 Sarojini Rege 9-10 Tarabai Terdal. 9-20 V. S. Gangoni 9-30 Mancek Bamboat. 9-40 Interlude 9-45 to 10 As in Bombay I. 10 The orchestra symphonique (Of Paris). MESSAGES FROM INDIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

BANGALORE: It is announced that the Vatican Radio will broadcast messages from British and Indian prisoners of war in Italy on March 18 and 20 at 7-30 p.m. I.S.T.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THE ASSEMBLY AND THE CONGRESS

Monday's debate on the Finance Bill in the Indian Legislative Assembly was notable for at least two spirited speeches, one by Sir Mohammad Yamin Khan and the other by Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi. Sir Mohammad claimed to outline the Muslim League's attitude towards the Bill and said that in view of the reactionary attitude of the Government and the blunders committed by them the League Party had no choice but to vote against the Bill. As the Bill will become law, whether passed or rejected by the House, opposition to it may not interest many, but Sir Mohammad's references to the political deadlock are of great interest to all. Starting with the general observation that Government's past actions were such that the public could not accept their vague promises in toto, he demanded that there should be a clear unequivocal declaration immediately of India's freedom, so that she could fight the war, as one of the United Nations, not fight it as a subordinate country but fight for her own freedom and the freedom of the other countries. He also demanded that, if for any reason Congress was not to be a party in power, Government should hand over power to other interests in the country.

It may be noted that Congress demands are substantially similar Congress differed from other parties in this that having failed to get any response to its demands even after nearly three years of representations and protests, it sanctioned non-violent mass action to exert adequate pressure on Government. But as a result of what Gandhiji called the "leonine violence" of Government and in the absence of Gandhiji and other leaders to guide them some people became desperate and resorted to violence. The net result is succinctly indicated in the following words of Mr. Rajagopalachari: "The events of the last six months have caused substantial damage to non-violence, the weaving of which has been Mahatma Gandhi's mission. The stronghold of Government suppressed "rebellion" by which name the Government of India call the recent events, but repression adds to damage to belief in non-violence". If the Muslim League representative said anything by way of protest against the repressive measures of Government or an appeal to stop them it has not been reported.

Sir A. H. Ghaznavi was fairer to the Congress side. He pointed out that Government, by their action in connection with Mahatma Gandhi's fast had missed a great opportunity of bringing about an atmosphere in which reconciliation both between the communities and between them and Government would have been possible. But while he expected little from the present Government he affirmed his faith in the good sense of the British people and hoped that co-operation between India and Britain would soon be established. A difference may well be made between the British people and their Government. But at present the former have little reliable information about India and are too occupied with their own war work. It will not do to wait for them to do justice to India after the war. Win the war itself speedily India needs to be free at once. Mr. Rajagopalachari seems to expect little either from the British Government or the British people. But he says: "There is a forelorn hope still, namely, international arbitration". The importance of this factor in the settlement of the Indian problem cannot be underestimated, but much depends upon whether Indians themselves are content with making petitions to the Government or are prepared to adopt suitable measures to exert pressure on Government. Whatever those measures may be, let us remind ourselves that the immediate demand of the people is that responsible leaders should be allowed to interview Gandhiji. Government's decision on this question will itself make a lot of difference in the present situation and its possible repercussions need not be discussed just now. One thing that is never too early is attempts to bring about a communal settlement. But for that very purpose, more than any other, interviews with Gandhiji are most helpful.

Inflation Or Scarcity ?

During the last world war, inflation of currency took place in Britain, though not to the same extent as in Germany. British economists raised a timely protest against this method of financing the war, which had very serious repercussions on society. At first they were ridiculed both by Government and businessmen. The Government was responsoble for the inflation and it had to adopt a policy of justifying its action. The businessman found that the inflationary profits were adding to his wealth, and he was not able to see why the so-called theoretical economists should dabble in problems which were eminently practical and suggest things which came in the way of his easy profits. When the logic of events went against this attitude of ridicule, the British Governmen started systematic propaganda to convince the people that the rise in prices had nothing to do with the increase in sterling currency, which was legally issued and properly supported and so on. And for a time both the British public and British businessmen were made to believe that the financial policy of the country was sound. The truth ultimately asserted itself when the predictions of the economists proved true. The country had to go through the painful process of deflation as a punishment for having adopted a policy of inflation and its entire economic life was to put to severe strain.

Whereas Britain, wiser by this experience, nas planned to prevent inflation during the present war, and has thus accepted the economist's viewpoint in practice, history is repeating itself in India. The fact that inflation is being practised in India was sought to be explained away by specious arguments by the late Governor of the Reserve Bank of India the Finance Member has not denied the existence of inflation in his budget speech, though he has tried to minimise the fact, he is, however, conscious of the danger of inflation, though he has not yet thought of any effective remedy to stop the process of inflation so far as the principal cause which leads to inflation is concerned, namely, providing rupee finance for the British and Allied Governments by printing additional notes. It is somewha surprising at this juncture that the Government of India should find a supporter of its inflationary policy in no less a person than Mr G. D. Birla whose position in the business and public life of the country demands attention to his views as outlined in his recent pamphlet 'Inflation or Scarcity?' According to Mr Birla, inflation is not the cause of the prevailing high prices, which are due to scarcity; that expansion of currency of the present magnitude is required by the prevailing circumstances; that the currency at the moment does not lack an adequate backing; and that the remedy for the present difficulties is to increase production, which could be increased enormously 'if Government were capable of inspiring, planning and mobilising the country's mind and capacity.' Mr. Birla has in the first place confused the natural expansion of currency that may be required by the people because of increased activity, with the expansion of currency by which Government obtain purchasing power to secure supplies from the public and thus cause the scarcity of which he complains. This scarcity leads to higher prices, which are higher than they would otherwise be, because the increased quantity of money pushed into circulation is exchanging against a diminished quantity of goods. The Government go on repeating the circle by purchasing goods from the public from time to time with the help of the expanded currency. The expansion takes place for the needs of Government in the first instance and then becomes part of the circulation. It is this process which is rightly called inflation. If expansion of currency took place because of the public demand, it would presuppose more production The present expansion is not accompanied by more production, but rather enables Government to create scarcity of goods for the civilian population by their purchases in the market with the help of such new money which is then absorbed in the circulation. Mr Birla is, again, on the wrong track when he assumes that the present expansion of currency is allright because there is an adequate backing to it. He does not realise that the value of a currency is not determined by the backing or the reserve, but by its relative scarcity or abundance with reference to the goods with which it exchanges. According to Mr. Birla, we can go on increasing our currency so long as more sterling is put in the reserve against it, and that this will not do any harm to us. We would like to know from Mr. Birla as to how the sterling in the reserve gives any value to the rupee currency in the country, which by common experience is falling in spite of the large and increasing sterling reserve. In his zeal to prove that prices have not risen because of the expansion of currency, Mr. Birla has fallen into the error of assuming that the velocity of currency circulation is the same as that of bank deposits in calculating which also he has made a statistical mistake. He admits in another connection that the total of transactions has increased, that these transactions are mostly in cash, and yet he wants us to believe that the velocity of currency circulation is low. The truth is that the velocity of currency must be and is higher, when that of bank deposits is low.

A marked confusion of ideas is to be found in the following remarks of Mr. Birla: "What is difficult to understand is the suggestion that to relieve the hardship of the private consumer his purchasing power should be reduced. If there has to be such reduction in order to bring prices down, it should be in Government's purchasing power." No one has suggested that the purchasing power of the private consumer should be reduced? What has been suggested by responsible economists who understand the problem is that the present inflation reduces the purchasing power of the money income of the private consumer and this evil has to be stopped. It is obvious that Mr. Birla has not grasped the real evils caused to the people by the prevailing inflation. And his second sentence in the above passage is against his whole argument, because what is wanted to prevent inflation is to reduce the purchasing power which Government create for themselves. If Mr. Birla believes in this statement of his, he should use his powerful influence to put pressure on Government to stop the evil at the root, instead of encouraging them in the continuation of the present dangerous policy, of whose dangers they themselves are aware. The remedy which Mr. Birla suggests, namely, that of more production is more easy to suggest than to put into operation. That is our problem in normal times; that is also our problem now. But he himself is sceptical about his own remedy when he qualifies it with a big 'If';—'if the Government were capable of inspiring, planning and mobilising the country's mind and capacity—'. Surely, Mr. Birla does not want that the currency of the country should go on expanding at the present rate in anticipation of this wonderful transformation in the capacity of the Government for which he has not laid down a time limit.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Japs And Australia

The Japanese convoy making for North-East New Guinea has succeeded in evading complete annihilation. Of the five transports and freighters two at least have escaped and have probably reached Wewak. This is of no significance because whatever supplies and reinforcements have reached their destination must be less than adequate even for defensive purposes. But the Japs are reported to be concentrating an armada in the Amboina area to the north-west of Australia. This concentration is as important as the one in Rabaul which eventually came to grief in the Bismarck Sea. A possibility has been suggested that the Japanese may be planning an invasion of Australia from the north-west. If that is so, and the raids on Port Darwin lend it further plausibility, the adventure may quite possibly end in the same disaster as the Japs suffered in the Bismarck Sea. In fact, in the smashing success against Jap planes which came to raid Port Darwin, Allied air power has given a hint of what the next Jap armada should expect. The threat to Australia is not so very serious, but it undoubtedly is there and is to a certain extent due to a Japanese sense of security on their Burma front.

Fall Of Kharkov

Exactly a month after its recapture by the Russians, Kharkov has again fallen to the Germans. It constitutes the first big reverse that the Red Army has suffered since it started its great winter offensive. And it is an important reverse, too. For this capital of the Ukraine is strategically so situated as to dominate the entire southern front. Immediately it is less a Russian loss than a German gain, for it saves Hitler's armies in the south and a disastrous retreat beyond the Dnieper. But Kharkov in German hands will remain a grave potential menace to the Russians. The misfortune is that fighting practically alone, the Russians cannot go on beating the enemy on every front. The Germans are still dangerously strong as Kharkov proved. And Kharkov also emphasises the urgency of Russia's Allies coming to her assistance.

U. S. Senators' Move

It is interesting to note that a group of U. S. Senators are formulating plans for the organisation of the United Nations on war time collaboration and peace-time aims. The actual value of "peace-time aims" cannot be determined through their mere profession. There is the Atlantic Charter which on the face of it is an attractive document. But there are already unmistakable indications that it is intended to be murdered in practice as the Covenant of the League of Nations But what is interesting is that the American Senate shows signs of learning from the experience of twenty-five years. After the last war, the U. S. A. led by its Senate withdrew into isolationism which helped neither the world nor even the U. S. A. itself.

Minor Flare-Up

Too much importance need not be attached to the fighting that has flared up in Arakan. The attack initiated by the Japanese is a local affair and limited to the left flank of the British forces. It is claimed to have failed already. But whether it has finally failed or may yet succeed the Japanese objective cannot be more than some more favourable positions in the Arakan area from where to watch the British during the monsoon. What does appear important is the movements of General Tojo which are rendered even more so by the Zurich report that some of the Japanese troops in Manchuria have been withdrawn. Is Tojo planning a big offensive against China?

Indian Disunity Paraded To Thwart Freedom

FREEDOM GROUP'S REPRESENTATION TO WILLIAM PHILLIPS

Prof. J. A. Wadia, President, Freedom Group, has addressed a letter to Mr. William Phillips, Personal Envoy to President Roosevelt, from which the following are extracts:

"Dear Sir,—I am addressing these lines to you on behalf of the Freedom Group. You have expressed a desire to meet all sections of the people of India and to study their views and opinions You have, moreover come to this country as the Personal Envoy of the President of the U. S. A. We intended to have a personal meeting with you, but inquiries revealed that your engagements in Bombay were too many to permit you to give us this privilege.

The Freedom Group has been recently formed by representative Parsis of Bombay. This does not mean that we are going to place before you any communal or sectional view of the Indian political problem. It is our emphatic opinion that as far as the problem of India is concerned there is no separate Parsi or Hindu or Muslim point of view. That problem is the simple problem of securing a free and independent position for India in the comity of Nations.

Some months back a manifesto was issued by the Parsis over more than a thousand signatures representing all professions, interests and sections of the community. We are enclosing a copy of the representation for your information.

HISTORY RECALLED

Less than two hundred years ago, your country was more or less in the same situation as ours. Scientific knowledge had not then made such large strides as at present, and with less efficient and deadly arms than at present a subject country could not then be held by force as easily as today; it could more easily be held in subjection at present especially when it is disarmed and helpless That your Government is aware of its nation's past plight in evident from the advertisements inserted by it in Indian newspapers under the caption "America fights for Freedom", wherein the year 1776 is prominently displayed. We take it, therefore, that your people and your Government are in sympathy with the subject peoples of the world. We need not add that we Indians are one such people. From past experience your people would know what methods are generally adopted by one nation to keep another in subjection. It is well known too that the morale of a people long kept in subjection and deliberately disarmed is bound to be low. It is always easy for the foreign rulers to win over individuals and communities in subject countries through the offer of the loaves and fishes of office.

Your country has abolished all titles. But titles exist in India where they are conferred by those who rule over her destiny. Titles usually accompany services rendered to the established government. The Indian States, though they are an institution peculiar to India under British rule, are not quite unlike the host of title holders.

SIMPLE PROBLEM

Shorn therefore, of complications created by vested interests, the rulers of Indian States, minority communities hankering for privilege, the problem of India is very simple. To a man of your acumen, and to an intelligent people like the Americans, it is hardly necessary to point out that Burma was denied its freedom, though there were none of the problems alleged to exist in India. Disunity among Indians and the so called claims of minority communities would appear to be a convenient excuse for denying to this country the freedom to which she is entitled. We feel confident that your knowledge of the past history of your own country and what you have already observed for yourself in India must have enabled you to obtain a clear perspective of the situation in India This country has never supported and does not now support, Fascist methods and those who represent the use of these methods. In fact it could not be outside your knowledge that the accredited leaders of India were condemning Fascism and Nazism at the time when Great Britain was flirting with, if not directly aiding and abetting, the aggressors in Abyssinia, Spain China and elsewhere.

We have written these lines with the utmost frankness and candour. If there is any question on which further explanation is desirable we shall only be too glad to furnish it. Our hope in writing these lines is that a true picture of the circumstances existing in India to-day may be presented through you to the American public, and more particularly to him who has sent you out to this country with his blessings as his Personal Envoy. Your country like ours is fighting for freedom, and we want you to realise, if there is any need for doing so at all, that if this fight is a fight for freedom, we have a claim on all the help and co-operation that you, as lovers of freedom, have it in your power to give".

(The manifesto referred to in the letter has already been published in the press).

ISLAM ADVOCATES WOMEN'S EQUALITY

Bombay Celebrates Prophet's Birthday

"No community in the world can improve its social, economic and political condition unless education is popularised among its women and equal right and opportunities are given to them. The revolution that we are seeing in the world to-day is chiefly due to advance in education and political consciousness among the women of those countries and if we want our future to be bright and prosperous, we must pay greater attention towards the education of our women" said Mr. S. A. Brelvi presiding over a meeting held at Begmohamed Baug, Mohammadali Road on Tuesday evening.

The occaston was the celebration of the birthday of the Prophet of Islam under the auspices of the Islamic Society. Dr. G. M. D. Sufi spoke on "The Prophet and the Emancipation of Women".

Mr. Brelvi, in the course of his speech, referred to the teachings of the Prophet and said that Islam had given greater rights and more independence to women than other religions, but unfortunately the Muslims ignored the teachings of Islam and kept their women in backward state with the result that to-day they found themselves less advanced in education and other activities.

WHAT ISLAM TAUGHT

Islam recognized the right of woman as an independent human being and required that she should play an equal part with man in contributing to human progress. But, by adopting the "purdah", Muslims prevented woman from making such contribution. Islam did not require that women should put a veil over their faces or that they should be shut up in their houses and should take no part in public activities. On the contrary in the days of the Prophet and those of the four Khalifas women acted otherwise. Whatever the origin of the prevailing system of 'purdah', it had done great harm to Islamic society. It had adverse effect on the health of women, it had prevented their being properly educated and had led to the growth of the un-Islamic idea that woman was the property of man. The result was that while the Prophet had intended woman to be the equal comrade of man in the battle of life, Muslims had deprived her of that role and had thus themselves become the cause of their own decline. Another and allied cause of the decline of Muslims was that they did not pay the same attention to the education of girls as they did to that of their boys. Muslims, in fact, in these matters had failed to act in the spirit of the teachings of their religion. If they had acted in accordance with the spirit of Islamic teachings they would have provided the same educational facilities for girls as for boys and would have emancipated their women from harmful restrictions like the 'purdah' which had not been enjoined by Islam. Islam had ushered in a great revolution over thirteen hundred years ago. They were living in revolutionary times and, therefore, must act in accordance with the revolutionary spirit of the times. All progressive countries and nations, like Britain, U. S. A., Russia, China and Turkey, had been able to achieve what they had because they gave equal opportunities to women. Muslims must follow suit if they wished to make any progress worth the name.

Dr. Sufi speaking on "Prophet and Emancipation of Women" referred to various rights that are given to women in Islam. He said that no religion allows women to enjoy same privileges that were permitted by Islam. In Islam, women had equal rights with men in social and economic activities.

Speaking about 'Pardah', Dr. Sufi said that the 'purdah' as it prevailed now did not exist in Islam and was not introduced by Muslims. He cited instances from pre-Islamic history to show how other peoples observed this custom. He pointed out how in the early days of Islam, the 'purdah' did not exist and women participated in many public activities. Not a few women were great jurists of Islamic laws and gave sa-nads to men. The Prophet had given equal rights to woman and had done much to improve and raise their status. It was regrettable that the followers of such a prophet had become instrumental in reducing woman to her present plight.

Earlier, Dr. K. A. Hameed, proposing Mr. Brelvi to the chair, outlined the aims and objects of the Islamic Society. He said the Society had been formed with a view to popularising the true teachings of Islam.

Another meeting in celebration of Prophet's birthday will be held under the auspices of the Islamic Society at Begmohamed Baug to-day (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. when Mr. A. A. A. Faizee will speak on "Legal Reforms of the Prophet."

Four Months' R. I. For Attempt To Take Out Procession

Baroda Government Releases All Political Prisoners

Through A. P. & U. P.

POONA, March 16.

Miss Indumati Bhat has been awarded four months' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 100 for an attempt to take out a procession to the Aga Khan's palace during Mahatma Gandhi's recent fast.

Two persons were sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment each for similar offences.

The residence of Mr. K. G. Patwardhan was searched but nothing incriminating is stated to have been found. Mr. Patwardhan was later taken into custody.

Two local labour workers who were detained under the Defence of India Rules have been released.

SEARCHES, ARRESTS & ARSON IN BELGAUM DIST.

BELGAUM, March 16.

Notices have been issued against Mr. Waman Desai and a few other persons asking them to appear before the District Superintendent of Police before an appointed date.

The 'chavadi' and the country liquor booth are reported to have been set on fire at Ningnur.

A few searches were carried out at the village of Hudli.

The primary school record at Maghigad was set on fire.

Mr. M. H. Sathe who was arrested a few weeks ago, has been released.

Two dacoities are said to have been committed near Nipani.

The P.W.D. office at Lulipatti was attacked by an armed gang and some cash was forcibly taken away.

About 16 stacks of hay were set on fire at Yelur, a village in Kurundawad (Junior) State territory.

About half a dozen weavers were arrested at Hudli. The Kumari Ashram near Hudli was searched.

Mr. R. B. Deshpande and Mr. B. R. Kulkarni were arrested at Vantmuri.

Mr. Chalwadi, vice-President of the District School Board, was put under arrest.

A number of searches were made in Muslamari, Malipur and Gajapati.

The residence of Messrs. Yalagi Brothers in Thalawadi was searched.

The houses of Mr. N. G. Hanamshet and Mr. Sham Pai were searched and they were taken into custody.

The shops of two commission agents were also searched.

About half a dozen persons were taken into custody in the Thalak Wadi locality.

HUBLI: A few political prisoners of Karnatak have been transferred from Hindalgi to Nasik Central Jail. About half a dozen persons have been arrested in Belgaum City

PROCESSIONISTS JAILED

HUBLI: Six hundred rupees that were to be given out as wages to employees of the P.W.D. have been stolen from Hulikatti (Bailhongal Taluka, Belgaum District) by some unknown persons

Four persons from Khanapur Taluka were sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 50 each, in default, to undergo two months' rigorous imprisonment on the charge of taking out a procession during Mahatma Gandhi's recent fast.

STUDENTS EXTERNED

BENARES: It is reported that Commissioner, Benares Division, has served 12 students of the Benares Hindu University with an externment order, directing them to remain outside the boundary of Benares Division and prohibiting their entry to the division until further orders.

NO RENEWAL FEE FOR LICENSED ARMS

BHAGALPUR: It is understood that the Government of Bihar have decided that no renewal fee will be charged from the licensees of fire arms whose guns have been requisitioned under the Defence of India Rules so long as they are not returned to the licensees.

BOMB EXPLOSION

GAUHATI: A country-made bomb exploded on Wednesday morning in a room of the Cotton College, Gauhati. No damage is reported.

A similar incident took place a few weeks ago in the building of the above college.

COLLECTIVE FINES

BHAGALPUR: Due to disturbances, the District Magistrate, Bhagalpur, has imposed collective fines of Rs. 325 and Rs. 550 respectively on the inhabitants of the villages Mosradih, Alakh Dumar with its 'tolas' Hararaidih and Mahua in Banka Sub-Division.

HIGH COURT CONFIRMS SENTENCES

MADRAS:—The convictions and sentences in what are known as the Madura Acid-Throwing Case and the Devakottah Rioting Case were confirmed to-day by Mr. Justice Wadsworth, sitting as Special Ordinance Judge, in the Madras High Court, reviewing both the cases decided by the Special Judge, Madura.

AHMEDNAGAR:— One person was awarded six months' R. I. for taking out an unauthorised procession at Raksha Bhuvan. Mr. K. S. Karandikar and four other workers were arrested under D. I. R. Mr. Bhalerao, a local pleader, who was detained under D. I. R. has been released on two months' parole owing to illness.

BOMBAY STUDENT ARRESTED

JALGAON:—Mr. Raja Kulkarni, Secretary of the North Bombay Students' Union, and Mr. Shankar Phadke were put under arrest at Amalner.

AHMEDABAD:— The village Kuvajal in Godhra Taluka was raided by armed dacoits who decamped with booty worth thousands of rupees, says a report received here. It is stated that the dacoits looted several houses and shops in the village whereafter they set fire to some shops. A fire broke out in a railway wagon lying on the Godhra station yard, says another report. The cotton bales in the wagon were damaged. The cause of the fire is not known

SHOLAPUR:—Mr V. M. Oak, a teacher of Poona, has been arrested under D. I. R. One person of Pandharpur was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment for receiving nine pies as commission for the change of one rupee

PROCESSION HELD UP

SURAT:— A procession was taken out this morning and proceeded towards the main bazar, the processionists shouting slogans. The procession was prevented by the police near Dimda Chawk locality from proceeding further and Hamukhlal Vasantlal Calcuttawala was arrested. Mr Navnitlal Desai who was arrested on November 3 1942 D. I. R. has been released on parole for one month on account of ear trouble.

Baroda Releases All Politicals

BARODA, Mar. 16.

THE BARODA GOVERNMENT RELEASED TO-DAY ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO WERE UNDER DETENTION SINCE 18TH AUGUST, UNCONDITIONALLY. THE BARODA PUBLIC GAVE THEM A RECEPTION.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

The Bombay Squadron of the Fighter Command is led by one of the outstanding fighter pilots in the R.A.F.—Squadron Leader Donald (Don) Kingaby known for two years as the "Me 109 specialist"

But Kingaby although a spectacular figure among fighter pilots, has equally versatile and colourful young men from all parts of Britain and the Commonwealth as his pilots in the Bombay Squadron

—Press Report

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Says a New Delhi message: "A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes has been called here about the middle of April."

Doubtless to bow before His Excellency the Crown Representative.

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Suggesting international arbitration Sjt. C. Rajagopalachar says: 'Colonial policy may be Great Britain's family affair but India is not in the family."

"C. R." is quite wrong. Don't families have servants?

Nor, the Junior colleague butts in, is their in being anything like an International Domestic Servants' Union either

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"The tempo of night bomber raids upon Burma is steadily increasing" Calcutta announcement.

Wonderful, simply wonderful. Field Marshal Wavell has started miracles that are sure to finish off the Japs in Burma in about a year's time

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The Japs seem to have launched a sort of counter-offensive in the Rathedaung area.

Which is both foolish and objectionable Don't they even understand the elementary principle of warfare that all land movements must cease well before the arrival of the monsoon?

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French Rebels Holding out.
—Anglo-Indian headline.

What a compliment to the patriots of Savoy! But, psychologically, it is quite natural

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Broadcasting to American troops in North Africa, Archbishop Spellman of New York said:: "The fact that imperialism is not an American war aim or peace aim is known to our Allies, to our enemies and to all the world."

It isn't really known to all the world. But some of "our allies" find in the profession cause both for relief and for anxiety.

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He: "I made an awful mistake just now. I told a man that I thought that the host must be stingy old blighter, and then I discovered that I was talking to the host."

She: "Oh, you mean my husband?"

Housman's Tribute To Gandhiji

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, March 16.

Speaking at Birmingham Mr. Lawrence Housman said that the man who tries to separate politics from religion does not know what religion is. Mahatma Gandhi's method is the Christian method. "The real test of any State is not what it does at its best, but how it behaves at its worst."

He pleaded for granting reforms to India.

Plea For More Effective Action In Pacific

(From Our Own Correspondent)
LONDON, March 15.

According to the "News Chronicle's" Australian correspondent Australia and New Zealand are demanding more effective action in the Pacific.

Mr. Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, and Mr. Jones, New Zealand's Defence Minister, during their forthcoming visits to London and Washington will press this demand.

Points From Letters

G. DATTATRYA: "We have certainly learnt something more about the Government due to Gandhiji's fast however ineffective! His fast has certainly moved India and the world and made his case more strong than it was ever before. It has also exposed the hollowness of the word 'unity' to which the British Government seem to give the first preference and convinced us that unity or dignity Government is not willing to part with power.

Grigg On Br. Tanks' Work In Russia

LONDON, March 16.

The War Secretary, Sir James Grigg, was asked in the Commons today what reports had been received from the Soviet authorities regarding the effectiveness of British tanks in Russia. He replied "All reports received indicate that British tanks have given good service in action against the Axis on the Russian front."—Reuter.

No Active Service For Mickey Rooney

LOS ANGELES, March 16.

The film star Mickey Rooney has been rejected for service in the United States Army. The reason is not made known but is believed to be due to his heart and blood pressure.—Reuter

LONDON:—"The taming" of wild silkworms in Nigeria to help the war effort is being considered by the Government. The wild silkworms of Africa may help to make up the deficiency of the vital war commodity, silk caused by the loss of Far Eastern possessions.

SOVIET ADVANCE WEST OF VYAZMA

Fierce Rearguard Actions As Russians Fall Back Towards Donetz After Quitting Kharkov

MOSCOW, March 16.

A supplement to to-day's Soviet 'communique' states that west of Vyazma, Soviet troops are continuing their successful offensive and occupied dozens of inhabited localities.

In the fierce battle for one locality 300 officers and men were wiped out by the Russians and the locality and booty were taken. The Russians forged ahead southwest of Vyazma after overcoming stubborn German resistance. On the middle course of Northern Donetz the Russians destroyed 32 German tanks. A German attempt to cross the river in the area of one inhabited locality was repulsed.

South of lake Ilmen, Russian troops occupied a strongly fortified German defence point. In the course of the battle they destroyed three tanks and other equipment. On another sector Russian troops occupied an inhabited locality where booty was captured and 200 German officers and men accounted for.

NAZI ATTEMPT FOILED

From Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow: Bitter battles are raging before the Donetz river line, as the Germans strike to exploit their Kharkov successes with a thrust at vital Soviet communications centres. Moscow reported officially to-day: "On the middle course of the Northern Donetz our troops destroyed 32 tanks. In the area of one large inhabited locality the Germans attempted to force a crossing of the river. The attempt was repulsed."

FIERCE REARGUARD ACTIONS

Earlier reports said that Gen. Golikov's men were fighting fierce rearguard actions, as they fell back towards the Donetz after abandoning Kharkov.

The Red Army on the Moscow front is forcing ahead towards Smolensk, often reported to be Hitler's personal headquarters. Reports to-day placed advanced Soviet units less than 60 miles away. Huge fires are lighting the sky in the Smolensk region. Once more the Germans are setting fire to everything that will burn as they fall back stone buildings are blown up.

REDS QUIT KHARKOV

The Soviet midnight 'communique' states: "On March 15 our troops, after tense and fierce fighting, on the order of the High Command, evacuated the city of Kharkov.

In the Smolensk region our troops, continuing their advance, occupied the town of Kholm Zhirkovski.

In other sectors of the front our troops engaged the enemy in the same directions as before."

A supplement to the night's 'communique' says:

In the area of Byeli our troops occupied a number of inhabited localities including Batulino.

Kholm Zhirkovski mentioned in the "communique" is about 80 miles due north of Smolensk.

Newspapers In Occupied Territories

TOKYO DAILIES SECURE MONOPOLY

NEW YORK: The Japanese authorities have given over the Newspaper monopoly in the newly conquered territories to the leading Tokyo Dailies. According to a Domei report quoted by "New York Times," the existing newspapers in the various territories have been taken over by Tokyo's Newspaper establishments who have completed arrangements for publication of new newspapers. The "Ashahi", it is said, has taken over the entire press of Java, the "Yomiuri Hochi" will publish newspapers in Burma, the "Nichi Nichi" will publish papers in Philippines in Japanese, English, Spanish and Tagolog. The Domei, the leading Japanese News Agency has been authorised to publish newspapers in Singapore, Malaya, Sumatra and Borneo.—India Press Service.

Make Loan To China Free

Teviot's Plea: Chungking Will Drive Japs Out Of Manchuria Too

LONDON, March 16.

The conviction that the Chinese would fight on until the Japanese were driven not only from China proper but from Manchuria was expressed in the Lords to-day by Lord Teviot, who was a member of the Parliamentary Mission recently visiting China.

He said that the Chinese army suffered at least five million casualties and Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek was right not to face a fulldress battle until his men were better equipped. "Chinese soldiers are hard, tough men and I am confident that once they are properly equipped they will make short work of the Japanese"

FREE THE LOAN TO CHINA

Lord Teviot appealed to the Government to free the loan to China from restrictions. He said "The Americans have given them a loan or credit for 100 millions sterling while we provided fifty millions. The Americans imposed no restrictions but we imposed restrictions on forty million of our loan. I strongly appeal to the Government to waive all these restrictions. The amount is not equal to three days of the present war expenditure."

HE DID NOT HEAR

Lord Teviot paid a great tribute to the hospitality the Mission received in China and MENTIONED THAT HE DID NOT HEAR A SINGLE ADVERSE COMMENT ON THE CLOSING OF THE BURMA ROAD.

Lord Cranborne said that negotiations regarding the loan are not yet concluded and he could not, therefore, make any statement but would convey Lord Teviot's suggestion to the proper quarter.

INDIAN PURCHASES IN DURBAN

DURBAN, March 16.

A memorandum by the Durban City Council presented to a new India Penetration Commission to-day revealed that Indian purchases of properties in the predominantly European areas skyrocketted since the Broome Commission report of 1940.

These purchases were at an average annual figure between 11,000 and 50,000 sterling from 1927 to 1935. They increased to 79,000 in 1938, 99,000 in 1939 and soared to 139,000 in 1941 and last year nearly reached £335,000 which is thirty times as high as 1932. All the figures applied to the old borough of the Durban Council. It is believed that the position in the added areas is much the same as in old borough. The figures showed that the purchase prices paid by the Indians to European sellers in 1942 were roughly three and a half times the total for 1939 which the previous Commission described as "the zenith" of the upward tendency.

Mr. Justice Broome heads the new Indian Penetration Commission, which started its sittings in Durban to-day.

The Commission's functions are to inquire into and report on the extent to which Indians, including companies with predominantly Indian directorates, have acquired sites in the municipal area of Durban since September 30, 1940, in those areas which the previous Commission found predominantly European as at January 1, 1927.—Reuter.

All Male Members Behind Prison Bars

HUBLI:—All the male members of the Yalgi family in Belgaum city are now behind the prison bars, following the arrest of two members of the family to-day. A toddy shop at Khangoan in Gokak Taluka was set on fire and burnt. Gurunath Joshi, a Congress worker of Kittur, has been arrested under D. I. R. Ningappa Navalgund, a Congress worker from Ron, was arrested to-day at Dharwar.

Agra Municipality Superseded

LUCKNOW:—The Government of the United Provinces have, it is learned, passed orders superseding the Agra Municipal Board and appointing Mr. S. N. Sapru, at present Deputy Secretary, Local Self-Government, U. P., as administrator of the Board.

WARDHA CONVICTIONS

WARDHAGANJ:— Mr. Devdas Vakhare, Manager of Khadi Bhandar, Wardha, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for having been in possession of a prejudicial report. Another person a Muslim has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment for having shouted anti-Government slogans.

IRAQ KING GOES TO JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 16.

King Feisel II of Iraq and Royal Party arrived to-day for a Brief stay in Jerusalem.—Reuter.

A.-I. RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION

NEW DELHI, March 16.

The "United Press" learns that a convention of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation has been called by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, the President, for March 25 and 26 at New Delhi to consider the recent announcement regarding the grant of dearness allowance to railway employees.—United Press.

WHERE PAIR OF SHOES COSTS 500 POUNDS!

LONDON: A Sofia dispatch says there is acute famine in Greece. A pair of shoes, it is said, costs 500 pounds in Athens. A loaf costs 15 shillings.—India Press Service.

PALITANA:—An address in a silver frame was presented to Seth Mulchandji Asuramji by 600 'tapasvis' of Upadhan for enabling them to perform "Upadhan tapascharya" in a grand gathering held yesterday night in Pinamchand Udyan with leading Jain, Seth Bakubhai Mandlji presiding.

SUPPLY 250,000 WORKERS WITHIN 3 DAYS!

Germany's Order On M. Laval

GENEVA:—Herr Sauckel, Germany's Man-power Chief, according to reliable sources, has, in an interview given M. Laval an ultimatum that unless he fulfils his promise to send another quarter million workers to Germany within the next three days, THE GERMAN ARMY WILL BE CALLED IN TO SUPERVISE THE ENROLMENT OF WORKERS THROUGHOUT FRANCE. The German army would be instructed to act with "absolute ruthlessness".—Reuter.

China's Interest In India

MADRAS, March 15

"Because of our long friendship, cultural and religious affinities our people are always interested in what is going on in this country. We would like to see an enlightened, prosperous and happy India just as we are now striving to become so ourselves", said Mr. C. H. Lowe, India Representative of the Chinese Ministry of Information, addressing the anniversary meeting of the Madras Y. M. C. A. to-day.

Mr. Lowe added: We wish to know the Indian people better for we realise we have much to learn from each other. Meanwhile it is our fervent hope that our problems and difficulties will be better understood by our neighbours and that in our endeavours to rebuild China and to win this war for China as well as for all the United Nations we shall in no way be hampered but strengthened by your advice and co-operation.—A.P.

Bengal Governor On India's Place Among Free Nations

CALCUTTA, March 16

"India cannot hope to take its place amongst Free and Independent nations in the world until the forces of oppression have been defeated nor can we hope to accomplish that defeat unless each one of you is prepared to make sacrifice and determined effort towards that common end", observed His Excellency the Governor of Bengal addressing a mass meeting here to-day in the course of his tour in the district. He said that there had been times of great anxiety and danger for the cause of Free peoples since the commencement of this war, but, he added:—"The only constant factor in the changing circumstances of this war has been our faith and our conviction in the ultimate triumph of righteousness, and to all those of you who have shared this faith and who have helped us in the darkest hours of struggle we owe a lasting debt of gratitude."—A.P.

Thyssen's Industries Taken Over

GOERING CONTROLS THEM

BERNE: The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss Weekly "Die Nation" says that the Industries of Von Fritz Thyssen, the erstwhile Armament King of Germany who financed Hitler in the early days of the Nazi Regime, have been taken over by Herman Goering Works, which has become Europe's largest industrial organisation with a capitalisation of more than 4,000,000,000 marks.

Reichmarshal Goering, in his capacity as Economic Dictator of the Reich controls Herman Goering Works which were named after him. Thyssen, in the meanwhile, adds the correspondent, is in exile for opposing the war. He is deprived of his citizenship and properties. There are conflicting reports about his whereabouts. Some say that he escaped to South America from France and others believe that he has been a prisoner in Germany.—India Press Service.

All-India Second Wheat Forecast

The following All-India second wheat forecast for 1942-43 has been published by the Director General of Commercial Intelligence, Calcutta:

The area under crop is 34,311,000 acres, against 32,349,000 acres, corresponding revised estimates of last year—an increase of 6 per cent. The present conditions of the crop is reported to be good on the whole.

SANT SINGH URGES VICEROY TO END POLITICAL DEADLOCK

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substantial for the "heroic defender-sons of the country."

Syed Ghulam Bhik Nairang (Muslim League) raised the question of representation of Muslims in the services of the Central Government and objected to Government's "evasive" answers to various questions on the subject.

"CLERK-RIDDEN GOVERNMENT"

The speaker said: "What goes on inside the offices of this clerk-ridden, clerk-controlled, and clerk-guided Government is a sealed book to those interested in seeing their rights enforced and protected.

Syed Nairang also referred to the difficulties of the oriental languages newspapers in the country in the matter of newsprint and asked the Government to increase their quotas.

Mr. Frank Anthony (Anglo-Indian), after pleading for tightening up arrangements for distribution of food, spoke on the discrimination in salaries and allowances of British and Indian commissioned officers. He alleged that 99 per cent of the so-called British Emergency Commissioned officers at present were really Anglo-Indians but because of the higher scale of pay given to European Commissioned Officers they made the false statement that they were Europeans.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

By their policy of racial and communal discrimination, Government were placing a premium on cheating and dishonesty and penalising the men who had the courage to admit the truth. He was not asking Government to lower the salary of British officers but to increase the level of Income and allowance of the Indian Commissioned Officers.

Mr. Anthony complained that Anglo-Indians were not permitted to offer themselves for service in the Indian Air Force; so they went to England and were admitted to the R.A.F. and were doing very well, Dyson who held the record with six Italian planes brought down in fifteen minutes was an Anglo-Indian.

WHY CLOTH PRICES RISE

Sir V. N. Chandavarkar said, one reason for the rise in prices was the failure of export control. Men came from the Middle East and in a short time were able to export large quantities of cloth. They got licences somehow or other and he understood the cloth was exported in country craft.

Regarding bonus to mill workers he would suggest that a ceiling limit should be placed on cash bonus and investment of the balance in other ways should be encouraged.

Referring to inflation he declared it was time for Government to have an Economic Advisory Council which the Treasury should consult. He also asked that no decision ought to be taken regarding the disposal of Sterling Balances now.

He urged Political Parties in the country to form at least a United National Opposition, if a National Government was impossible.

Khan Bahadur Shahban, maintained that national leaders, whose co-operation, the Government had spurned for various reasons could raise in the matter of a few months loans far exceeding those which the Government got, in the last 3 1/2 years.

END THE IMPASSE

The establishment of a National Government at the Centre immediately to end the present impasse and to stir up India's war effort was demanded by Sardar Sant Singh, who narrated what he called, the repeated failures of the British Government to meet the political aspirations of India.

He suggested that the Viceroy should invite all the different parties and interests in the country and ask them to select a leader, who should pe entrusted with the task of forming a National Government. If Congress and Muslim League stood out, let them do so, but power should be transferred to other elements in the country He urged the Government not to intensify feelings of frustration in the country any more but to try to end the political deadlock with the least possible delay.

WHY THIS DISTINCTION?

Sardar Sant Singh criticising the recent Government booklet regarding Congress responsibility for the disturbances, asked what wrong was there in the motives of Mahatma Gandhi and the Congress if they desired the Freedom of the country and the saving of Indian soil from becoming a war theatre? He gave the analogy of England and asked if similar motives did not prevail among the entire people there.

SARDAR SANT SINGH OBJECTED TO THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN INDIA AND ASKED WHY THE MAN-POWER OF INDIA WAS NOT FULLY TAPPED.

He demanded more representation of Sikhs in the Higher Government services, and supported the demand for the increase of newsprint quota for Indian language newspapers.

Mr. Naumann said, extensions were objectionable in themselves, but even if Government loved "Elders and old men" that love did not seem to extend to Muslim elders. He however had no quarrel with Hindus. His quarrel was with the Government which was responsible for handing out the loaves and fishes of office.

HURS v. CONGRESS LEADERS

He said that Government which had called Congressmen rebels were treating them differently from Hurs who were also called rebels. What, he asked was explanation of the discriminatory treatment of the leaders of the one class of rebels and of the other? Was it because one was Hindu and the other Muslim?

Scheduled Caste M.L.A. Quits Orissa Ministerialists

CUTTACK, March 15.

Mr. Birokishore Behra, M.L.A., (Scheduled Caste) has resigned from the Orissa Ministerialist Party and the United National Party. In the course of his letter of resignation to the Hon. Maharaja of Parlakimedi, leader of both the Parties, he says; "He was very much pained at the "step-motherly treatment meted out by the Ministry" to the Scheduled Castes, whom he represented, and the indifference shown to his representations."—A. P.

INCREASE IN DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

LAHORE, March 16.

The Punjab Government have increased the diet money of Congress detenus from Re. -/9/3 to Re. -/12/3 per diem and that of convicts from annas six to annas eight, announced Syed Amjad Ali answering a question on behalf of the Premier in the Punjab Assembly this afternoon. He added that prisoners and detenus were allowed to supplement their diet and other requirements at their cost on medical advice

Syed Amjad Ali informed the House that the cases of security prisoners, Sardar Harjapsingh and Master Kabulsingh, M.L.A.'s, had been reviewed, but it was decided to continue their detention

Sir Manoharlal, Finance Member, revealed that the proposal to revise the dearness allowance to Government servants was under consideration.

The House resumed discussion on the cut motion relating to the irrigation grant.—A. P.

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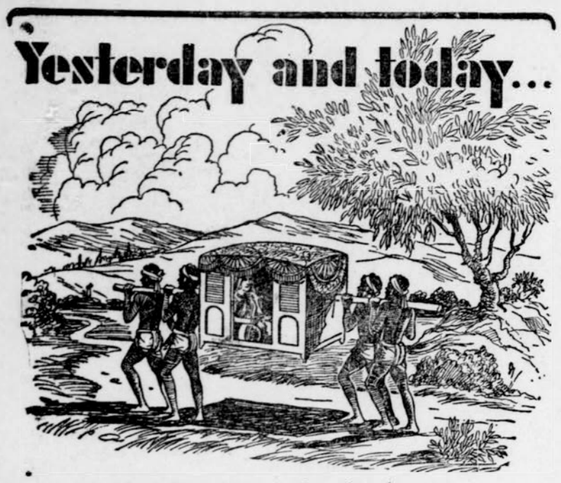

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BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, March 16.

The local market was influenced by war news and there was increased selling in the absence of support prices sagged and early buyers found no follow-up. Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs 1910 and after advancing to Rs. 1927 declined to Rs. 1890 Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 392 and fluctuated between Rs. 389 and Rs. 396 and steadied at Rs 391. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1990 and improved to Rs. 2005 but declined to Rs. 1990 Century Mill shares opened at Rs. 803 and advanced to Rs. 818 but sagged to Rs. 808 Associated Cements were quoted at Rs. 225 and Indian Irons were done at Rs. 35/12

The Wall Street market opened on Monday fairly firm and was active but scant stimulus was derived from War news and customers cashed portions of their holdings on the idea that substantial reaction was a probability. The break in transportation followed the Supreme Court decision. Trends were generally mixed throughout and the session was irregular.

Later on there was scattered buying and prices recovered Tata Steel Dfds were quoted at Rs. 1915 and Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 390 Bombay Dyeings were placed at Rs. 2010 and tone was steady

TEXTILE SECTION

Ahmedabad Advance 530; Bharat Mills 90; Bom. Dyeing 2015; Cent. India 560; Century 820; Colaba Land 267; Dawn 1455; E. D. Sassoon Ordy 18/12; E. D. Sassoon Defd 3/11; Edward Sassoon 450; Finlay 385/8; Gokak 419; Hindustan 4100; Ind. Bleaching 162; Ind. Manfg. 4250; Indore Malwa 1225; Khatau 450; Kohinoor xd 806; Lakshmi 1395; Madhowji 27; Minerva 216/4; Model Nagpur 371/4; Madhusudan 662/8; Meyer Sassoon 185; Morarji 1110; Mysore 260; New Great 475; Phoenix 860; Podar Mills 355; Sassoon Silk 120; Sholapur 10500; Shri Nivas 465; Simplex 323; Svadeshi 628; Swan 370; Tata Mills 55; Vishnu 2502; Western India 3550;

INSURANCE SECTION

Bom. Life 162; Empire Life 695; Ind & Prudent 34; Ind. Mercantile 74; New India 66; Jupiter 18/8; Oriental 4700; Vulcan 13/4;

HYDRO & ELEC. SECTION.

Ahmedabad 195; Ajmere 14/4; And. Valley Ordy. 1825; Bom. Tram Ordy 148; Broach 13/6; Bom. Suburban 183; Karachi 250; Poona 267/8; Surat 191/4; Surat New Rs. 50/Paid 70; Tata Hydro Ordy. 190; Tata Power Ordy 1772/8.

BANK SECTION.

Baroda Bank 130; Bank of India 165; Central Bank 63; Imperial Bank P.P. 1755; Imperial Bank P.P. 433/12; Reserve 108/8; Union 8; Habib 82/8.

PREF. SHARES.

7 per cent And. Valley 1680; 6 per cent Bom. Steam 335; 7 per cent Bom. Tram 80/8; 6 per cent Central India 695; 6 1/2 per cent Jupiter 19/12; 6 1/2 per cent Surat 193/12; 6 1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 1st 125 Oxd.; 6 1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 2nd 125 Oxd; 6 per cent Tata I. and S. 1st 213/12; 7 1/2 per cent Tata I. and S. 2nd 146/12; 7 1/2 per cent Tata Power 1662/8; 7 per cent Tata Hydro 167/8; 7 per cent Vishnu 775.

DEBENTURES.

4 per cent And. Valley 106; 4 per cent Tata Chemical 210; 4 per cent Tata Power 105; 5 per cent Shol Rs. 64/Paid 72; 6 per cent Marsland Price 113/8

RAILWAY SECTION.

Ahmedabad Prantej 902/8; Cent. Provinces 107/8; Dhond Baramati 106; Gujerat 102; Hoshiarpur 108; Mandra Bhon 101; Mymensing Rebate 104; Mymensing Gtd. 107; Pachora Jamner 100; Sara Sirajganj 104; Sialkot Narowal 104; Sialkot New 40; Upper Sind Light 115.

MISC. SECTION.

Alembic Chemical 307; Alcock Ashdown 746/4; Asso. Cement 225/8; B. B. Petrol 2/2/6; Belapur 240; Bom. Burma Old 335; Bom. Burma New 123/12; Bom. Steam 485; Radio Ordy 410; Radio Defd 400; Invest. Trust 61/8; Prem. Const. xd 160; Port Canning 91/8; Scindia 28/14; Shivrajpur 72/8; Tata Ordy 393/8; Tata Defd 1915; Tata Chemical 34/4; Tata Oil 87; Wimco 342/8; Burma Corp. 3; B. I. C. Corp. 6; Indian Copper 2-6 1/2; Indian Iron 35/14; Steel Corp. 25/14; New Vict. Ordy. 8/10.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, March 16.

Tata Ordinary 390; Tata Deferred 1896 Indian Iron 35/10; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 25/10; Bombay Dyeing 1965; Central India 495/10; Century 805/10; Gokak 413/2; Kohinoor X.D. 797/8; Simplex 319; Andhra Valley 1820; Tata Hydro 190; Tata Power 1780; Associated Cement 225; Belapur 241/14; Bombay Burma (old) 335.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, March 15.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£67 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£32 1/8
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£105 3/4
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	£105 9/16
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£113 6/8
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	£113 15/16
Chartered Bank of I. A. & China	£8 7/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.)	£67
National Bank of India ex div	£33 1/4

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, March 16.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d and New York spot silver was quoted at 44 3/4 cents. The local market was firm with improved buying. There was scarcity of sellers and silver fluctuated between Rs. 112/12 and Rs. 112 and steadied at Rs. 112/4 gold also fluctuated between Rs. 72 and Rs. 71/4 and steadied at Rs. 71/8. Tone was steady. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs. 71 10 0
Fagan	71 8 0
Sovereigns	50 15 0

SILVER.

Ready	112 2 0
Fagan	112 0 0

LONDON SILVER.

London, March 15.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD.

London, March 15.

London gold fine per oz £8-8-0

SEEDS MARKET CLOSED

Bombay, March 16.

The local Seeds market remained closed as a mark of respect to the death of a broker.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 16.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 9/32 Two Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months.
R. C. Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32
LONDON/NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 326 1/2
LONDON/MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4
LONDON/BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2
LONDON/STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128
MEXICO/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27 D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04 D D Rs. 62.04
LISBON/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 nom D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T —— D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady Dull
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 44 3/4
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready. 23 1/2 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call one and two months 1/4 per cent.
3 to 9 months 1/2 per cent
10 to 12 months 3/4 per cent
Tone:—Better enquiry.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, March 15.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe Mar/April quoted	26/1 1/2
Wheat Australian Mar/April quoted	28

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, March 16.

2 3/4 per cent	1948/52 Loan 99/2
3 1/2 per cent	G P Notes 94
3 per cent	1949/52 Loan 100/7
3 per cent	1951/54 Loan 99/14
3 1/2 per cent	1947/50 Loan 103/15
3 per cent	1963/65 95/8
4 per cent	1943 Bonds 101/12
4 per cent	1960/70 Loan 116/7
4 1/2 per cent	1955/60 Loan 114/2
3 per cent	1945 Def Loan 103

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent	1945/55 Loan 108/2
4 per cent	1953/63 Mysore 117
5 per cent	1955 Mysore 128/8

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent	B P T 1974 109
4 per cent	M Deb 1974 109/12
5 per cent	M Deb 1959 118
5 per cent	M Deb 1954 128
5 per cent	K P T 1956 128

Tone: Quietly steady.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 16.

The local market were weak with increased selling. Prices opened Rs. 13 down at Rs. 595 for May delivery and after declining to Rs. 593 advanced to Rs. 600 on mild support. At this level there was general selling on weakness in Calcutta and prices declined to Rs. 596. The market was steady with scattered buying. At this level there developed mild support and prices gradually hardened to Rs. 597 but renewed selling again depressed to Rs. 588 and steadied at Rs. 591. The market finally closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

I. C. C. March	Rs.	589 0 0
I. C. C. May		597 0 0
I. C. C. July		593 0 0

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, March 16.

On Monday the New York Cotton market ruled quiet with increased selling. There was light liquidation and hedge selling which met only routine trade support with lack of new developments in connection with the Government farm price programme continuing to stalemate trading.

The market opened at a decline of one point with July 19.99 and improved to 20.00 which was the highest. Later on there was increased selling and July declined to 19.87. The market closed at a decline of 19 to 5 points. Spot cotton prices remained unreceived. The New Orleans Cotton futures market was quiet and closed at a decline of 7 to 11 points.

PRIVATE CABLES.

N. Y. July highest (10 a.m.)	20.00
N. Y. July lowest (2-53 p.m.)	19.87—13

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, March 15.

March	20.27—19
May	20.05—10
July	19.87—13
October	19.66—05
December	19.60—10
January	19.55—08
Middling spot	unreceived

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, March 15.

March	20.53—08
May	20.34—07
July	20.17—10
October	19.91—11
December	19.86—10
January	19.82—11
Middling spot	unreceived

NOON CALL.

New York, March 15.

May	20.15
July	19.95

COTTON TENDERS

On Monday 450 bales were tendered. Total tenders amount 3,400 bales.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, March 16.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

	2 days	This year.	Last year.
Khandesh	201	102,435	73,359
Central India	.....	44,566	26,879
Barsi and Nagar	250	30,038	45,078
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	16,054	9,586
Berar	.....	158,291	1,61,991
Central Provinces	.....	17,195	73,889
Total Oomras	451	368,579	390,782
Dholeras	.....	22,310	28,397
N.-W. Provinces	.....	602	1,021
Rajputana	.....	44	378
Sind-Punjab	1,777	486,188	356,822
Broach	1,659	49,344	233,731
Coompta & Dharwar	60	63,407	7,190
Westerns-Northerns	.....	17,991	7,503
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	.....	15,049	95,073
Arr. by road to 11th March	43	36,000	87,500

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 16.

Khandesh Jarilla	+5/15
Berar Jarilla	+20/30
C. P. 1 Jarilla	+50/65
C. P. 2 Jarilla	+40/50
4 F. Roller	+25/04
L.S.S. Roller	+120/130
289 F. Roller	+185/200
289F. Saw-ginned	+225/240

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, March 16.

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup Fine	F.G.	Good
Jarilla	609	604	599	594 ...

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Linseed March 21	0	4	6
Linseed April 21	0	9	0
Silver 1st settlement	1	8	0
Silver 2nd settlement	5	0	0
Gold 1st settlement	0	12	0
Gold 2nd settlement	2	12	0

COTTON PARITY

Indian cotton March contract is 297 cent points above New York March delivery.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 16.

The following are the rates to day in our Market at about 3 p.m.

Copper sheets lb 21 Rs. 290 28 255; 35 253; 42 230 49-56 230.

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb 20-21 Rs. 231; 24 19; 28 190; 35 181; 42 181; 49-56 183

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 140; Rosita Rs. 138; Country make Rs. nil Piglead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 76 per cwt.

Settlement Rates:—
Copper sheets Chaiter 235; Ashad 240.
Market Tone:—Steady.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, March 15.

T. T. London on:
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

High & Low Cotton Prices

Bombay, March 15.

I. C. C. March highest 625; lowest 605; closing 611.
I. C. C. May highest 623; lowest 601; closing 608
I. C. C. July highest 628; lowest 607; closing 614.

Sales Of Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rupees Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 16th March 1943. Total amount offered was Rs. 11,39,75,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-11-9 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-11-6 allotted approximately 68 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. 8,00,00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 1-1-11 per cent. per annum.

Tenders for Rupees Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 23rd March 1943, in Bombay up to 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Monday the 22nd March 1943 at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday the 26th March 1943. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 12th March 1943, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 14,42,00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' Intermediates will be sold from 17th March 1943 to 22nd March 1943 at Rs. 99-12-0 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz. sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary).

Three months' Intermediates sold from 10th March 1943 to 15th March 1943 amounted to Rs. 35,00,000.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

JULY

New York, March 16

Previous closing	19.87
To-day's opening	19.87
Difference	Nil.
To-day's closing	19.96
Difference	+.09

CROSS RATES

T. T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, March 16

Previous closing 4.03

T. T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, March 15.

To-day's opening and closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON MARKETS

GOLD

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

SILVER

Spot and Forward 23 1/2d.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay 1-6 1/32 sellers: 1-5 31/32 buyers

New York on Bombay (30.37) 30.37

DISCOUNTS

3 months 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Bombay March/April £36
Linseed Calcutta March/April £27
Groundnut Coromandal March/April East Coast Indian shipment £35 West Coast Indian shipment £36.

METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 16

New York Stock Exchange opening prices.
General Motors dol 48 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 28 1/4
U. S. Steel Corporation dol 53 7/8
U. S. Steel Preference dol 116 1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 16

The London Stock Exchange was quiet today.

INCREASE IN WHEAT ACREAGE

LAHORE, March 16

An increase of six per cent in the acreage under wheat crop over the last year is revealed in the second wheat forecast for All-India prepared by the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence Calcutta.

The total area under the 1942-43 wheat crop is 34,311,000 acres as against the corresponding figure of 32,349,000 acres for the last year. The present condition of the crop is fairly good on the whole.—A.P.

MADRAS STOCK EXCHANGE

MADRAS, March 16

Following are the closing quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:—

Sugars and Breweries: Deccan Big 260; do Small 61; India Sugar 12/14; Mysore Sugar 61/8; South India 12/12; Travancore 15.

Plantings: Cochin-Malabar 18/2; Chembra Peaks 11/14; Coorg 64/4; High Produce 50; Kalpettas 47; Kalasa 14/4; Midland 19/14; Nellimpathy Hills 8/3; Ouchterlony 14/8; Peermade 47/8; Travancore 20/8; Vaikundam 23/12; Vellamalai 24/2; Vellittam 36.

Textiles: Bangalore Wol 375; B and C ord 327; Cambodia 35/8; Coimbatore Spg 292/8; Janardhana 197; Kothari Tex 31; Lakshmi 242; Do New 128; Mettur 294; Read 294/4; Madura 64/12 cd; Pankaja 335; Palani Andavar 245; Rangavilas 153; Vasantha 350.

Miscellaneous: Andhra Cement 88; Bruntons 13; Indian St. Roll 75; Mysore Chem and Fert 27/4; Mysore Paper 24/12; Mysore Chem Mfrs 46/12; Mettur Chem 26/4; Spencer 8/12.

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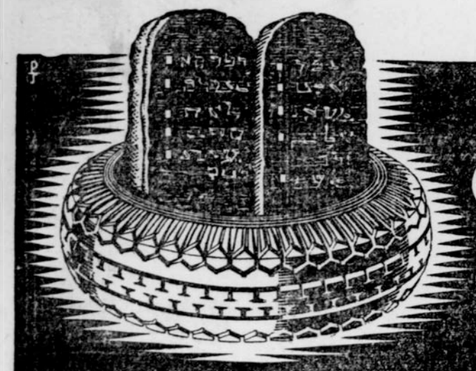

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT RELIEF SOCIETY

NAGPUR, (By Mail).

A meeting of the executive of the above Society was held on Sunday the 7th at Dr. Khare's residence and the following business was transacted. The following five were co-opted on the committee: Mrs. Parwati Bai Patwardhan, Amraoti, Mr. Madhaolal Bhai of 'Jethabhai Ramdas firm', Mr. Baburao Dhanwate of Shivaraj Litho Press, Mr. R. K. Manahar, Advocate, Nagpur and Mr. Jaganath Kirad of Grain Gunj, Nagpur.

The amount covering preliminary expenses in Betul, Ashti and Chimur cases has been deposited with Government. Actual money will have to be deposited later after hearing from Government about the actual cost of Privy Council expenses.

26th March has now been fixed provisionally by the Government as the date of execution of the unfortunate victims in the Ashti case.

Collections received so far are: Nagpur (proper) Rs. 12,000, Raipur Rs. 710, Jubbulpore Rs 736-8-0, Betul Rs. 368, Akola Rs. 200, Karachi Rs. 100, U.P Rs 120 and Poona Rs. 50.

It will be seen that more than Rs. 10,000 are yet to be collected. So workers all over the province are requested to hurry up and send their collections soon to the Nagpur Office.

Ahmedabad Training School To Be Closed

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, March 16.

The Municipal Administrator has informed the authorities of the Municipal Training School that it would be closed from the next academic year, as there was no provision in the Budget.

It will be recalled that this college was established after five years' labour, and it is the first of this kind in the Bombay Presidency.

New Prime Minister Of Kashmir

LUCKNOW, March 15.

Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, President-Designate of the All-India Christian Conference, is leaving for Delhi on March 18 to preside over the Conference. It is understood that Sir Maharaj Singh will take over charge of his office as the Prime Minister of Kashmir State on March 30 or 31 in place of Sir Gopalaswami Ayangar. —United Press.

Security Prisoners

Detention In Lahore Fort To Facilitate Interrogation

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LAHORE March 12.

"The value of the information required will be incommensurate with the labour involved in collecting it However, if the Hon'ble Member wishes to for information about a particular case, enquiries will be made" This was another formula applied to evade the reply regarding political questions in the Punjab Legislative Assembly by the Punjab Premier on Thursday last.

The Government admitted in the Punjab Legislative Assembly that some Security Prisoners detained under the orders of the Government of India were sent to the Punjab for detention. The place of detention was that mentioned in the order of detention. The Security Prisoners Rules applied to those whose place of detention was jail, but were followed as far as possible, when prisoners were detained in other than jails. The object of detention of Security Prisoners in Lahore Fort was to facilitate interrogations by Punjab C.I.D. which was directly under its control and jail department had no control over the Lahore Fort. No Magistrate or non-official jail visitor was allowed to visit detenus in Lahore Fort. No Minister had ever visited the detenus in Lahore Fort. The Police sought no permission from any judicial authority for interrogation, because it was not necessary, as detenus were arrested and detained under orders of the Government and not under warrants issued by any judicial authority.

The Government has provided safeguard against their ill-treatment by the Police of the detenus confined in Lahore Fort by getting them medically examined weekly by the Assistant to the Civil Surgeon, Lahore. The Premier stated that Government did not believe that responsible sections of the public entertained any objection to this procedure, and repudiated the insinuation that persons detained in Lahore Fort were subjected to inhuman treatment.

To various questions regarding the treatment meted out to Sardar Sardul Singh Caveesher and Mr. Dwijen Bose, a nephew of Shri Sarat Chandra Bose in Lahore Fort during their detention, the reply was that as the prisoners were detained under the orders of the Central Government therefore, all questions about them should be addressed to it.

Hindu Law Of Inheritance Bill

NEW DELHI, March 15.

The "United Press" learns that the Hindu Law of Inheritance Bill introduced by Sir Sultan Ahmed, Law Member, last week in the Assembly will be referred to a Joint Select Committee of both Houses of the Central Legislature. It is understood that the Select Committee report will be ready by the time the August session is called.

It is expected that the Law Member will move for reference of the Bill to a Joint Select Committee next week.—United Press.

Medical Aid To Russia

COLOMBO, (By Mail.)

A sum of one hundred pounds (£100) was cabled as a first instalment to M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador in London, with a message of greetings to the Red Army, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, from the Ceylon Friends of the Soviet Union.

The total receipts up-to-date towards the above fund is Rupees three thousand and eighty and cents eighty (Rs. 3,080/80). Of this amount Rupees one thousand (Rs. 1,000) has been sent in by the R. A. F. being the proceeds of a variety entertainment entitled "Keep your chin up" given by them in aid of the above fund. This sum is being cabled separately to M. Maisky as an R. A. F. contribution.

Mahadev Desai's Remains Consigned To Ganges

HARDWAR, March 16

Swami Anand accompanied by Narayen Desai and Mr Parmanand Desai son and brother respectively of the late Mr. Mahadev Desai, arrived at Hardwar yesterday morning to finally consign the remains of Mr Mahadev Desai to the Ganges.

The ceremony was performed at Brahmakund Harkapiri Ghat at 9-30 in the morning by Narayan Desai while local priests officiated. —A. P.

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Threat Of Nation-Wide Civil War In France

Govt. Gives Ultimatum To 7,000 Rebels In Haute Savoy

ZURICH, March 15.

"If the ultimatum to 7,000 rebels in Haute Savoy, which was to expire at 5 p.m. on Monday was not accepted, armed German and Italian forces were to intervene," says Reuter's special correspondent.

"The ultimatum demanding surrender promised that if they did so their offence would be regarded as youthful irresponsibility and would not be punished.

Occupation forces have so far held aloof desiring to avoid an open conflict, which might lead to a civil war on a nation-wide scale.

Many members of Gard McBile ordered to deal with rebels refused and several detachments had to be replaced.

The tension in Savoy, which was such that an outbreak of hostilities was expected any moment has lessened somewhat.

The Italians have not yet attacked and the "rebels" are stated to be very disappointed by the non-arrival of planes with food and weapons which they had been expecting.

The news as to whether the ultimatum to French youths to submit to German labour conscription was rejected has not yet been received, but it has just been learned from the frontier that 250 "rebels" have surrendered owing to unsuitable terrain and precarious food supplies.

Despite promises in the ultimatum they were immediately loaded on German lorries, which left for an unknown destination.

Frontier guards are keeping a special watch for any attempts by "rebels" to cross into Switzerland.

DEPORTATION OF FRENCHMEN

Meanwhile German press gangs are forcibly seizing young Frenchmen for deportation "to remove young men likely to be susceptible in the event of an Anglo-Saxon landing in France", states "Gazetteer Ausanne."

The Germans are forcibly impressing young Frenchmen without awaiting action by French authorities.

A German commission at Bordeaux recently impressed newspaper staffs aged between 18 and 50.

Thus the newspaper "France De Bordeaux" has lost 64 compositors, clerks and even reporters and editors.

Youths between 16 and 19 have been arrested in the streets of Bordeaux and sent to German labour organisation for work on fortifications. They are housed in camps surrounded by barbed wire.

The Swiss paper "Tribune De Geneva" states that consternation and terror are reigning in Lyons where Gestapo and German troops are carrying out a veritable manhunt. In trams and railway stations they are arresting all young men without adequate identity papers.

Raids are proceeding continuously, especially at night when whole blocks of houses are surrounded and every flat is searched.

All youths arrested are taken to guard rooms without being able to inform their relatives. Similar man hunts are proceeding in village Urbanne and Croix Rousse districts of Lyons.

Italian troops are not taking part in the raids, but at Nice and other places they have entered houses and commandeered food, raw materials and valuables.

"Tribune De Geneva" reports that the Savoyan population's consternation has been heightened by the news that women between 18 and 35 are about to be mobilised.

French patriots now organizing guerilla warfare from the mountains of Savoy have established themselves in clearly chosen strongholds such as Romme Plateau, states the Geneva correspondent of "Tagesan Zeiger" He explains that the moral foundation for their resistance is the conviction that Savoy was never defeated in 1940 and could have resisted panzers a long time if the Armistice had not been signed.

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

I seem to be in a small minority who was somewhat disappointed in Noel Coward's "IN WHICH WE SERVE" though I do admit that Coward has again got away with it and successfully. People ask me what there was about the picture I didn't like. That is a difficult question to answer, because it was rather a feeling that it did not come up to my grandiose expectations that made it disappointing. I don't like to sit through pictures which are a "vulgarization" of the war. You'll say: "But it's realistic and true." Maybe. But I don't like it just the same. I think this war should be treated differently from the way Coward treated it in his picture. There were certain scenes which almost stank of beer and the lower middle class in a way which was not sympathetic to those small little people who are involved in this war Coward made me conscious through the production that he was writing from above his characters. His speeches to his men were not only the speeches of a ship's captain to his ratings and officers. They were the speeches which Englishmen of the "Have" class are accustomed to make to the "Have-not's" and that's where it became annoying and so full of that something of which a class-conscious Englishman is so full—even in the middle of a world war. Now, if the same sort of subject was being tackled by Pudovkin or any of the Russians, you wouldn't feel all through the picture that the little people were just silly, cheesy little specimens of humanity—cannon fodder plus emotion. You would have felt they were heroes. But Coward was so far above those little people that his picture became a glorification of a class rather than of a people. The trouble is that having seen so much of Noel Coward's productions I have become prejudiced by them and cannot believe in his "sincerity". The result is that in pictures like the present one he over-reaches and over-does himself. And I don't like that feeling.

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Britain And Italy To Exchange Prisoners

ISTANBUL, March 16.

An exchange of wounded British and Italian prisoners of war is to take place on Monday week at the Turkish port of Mersina. The Italian group also includes 50 Germans.—Reuter.

Food Shortage Threatens America

DES MOINES (Iowa), March 16.

Amid predictions that America will face food shortage unless Government takes immediate steps to remedy the situation a Conference of the Governors of grain states to-day appointed a committee to draft recommendations to alleviate scarcity of farm labour and equipment. Governor Dwight Green declared "I don't fear contradiction when I say that within fifteen days from now we shall witness the greatest crisis that has ever confronted agriculture in America but steps can and must be taken now to avert it."—Reuter.

JAP RAID ON DARWIN INTERCEPTED

LONDON, March 16.

A communique from Allied headquarters, south-west Pacific says:—

It is officially announced that 49 Japanese planes raided Darwin.

Only slight damage was done to Port Darwin

"London Times" Refers To Weakening Of Jap Strength

LONDON, March 16.

The Japanese counter-stroke in Burma is commented upon editorially by the London "Times" to-day. It says, "Whatever the result, it does not seem over optimistic to say that days of acute anxiety for the safety of India are over. The Japanese strength on land has not been seriously diminished.

But there is no sign that the enemy has ever been able to overcome the handicap of his long communications. His aircraft have been so consistently worsted in engagements with ours that those communications have been continually harried and frequently disrupted."—Reuter.

Japs Withdraw Forces From Russian Border

ZURICH, March 15.

It is learned reliably from Berlin that Japan has withdrawn numerous troops from Manchurian zones nearest to Russia.

The news has caused official annoyance in Berlin, it is reported.—Reuter.

CHAMBER OF PRINCES' STANDING COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, March 16.

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes has been called here about the middle of April.

The meeting, it is learned, will decide whether a session of the Chamber of Princes should be held this year and if so where. The Jam Sahib of Nawanagar, the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, will preside.—A.P.

Allies Wrest North Africa Initiative In

Br. Troops Move Forward Towards Sedjenane

BERLIN, March 16.

A military spokesman stated "Gen. Montgomery's regrouping movements have been completed On Sunday British artillery began to find their range from their new positions."

Allied headquarters in North Africa:—After a few days lull the First Army appears to be wresting the initiative from the Germans in the Tamara sector at the northern end of the Tunisian front, says Reuter's special correspondent.

British troops are once more moving forward towards Sedjenane.

FLYING FORTRESSES yesterday spotted an enemy convoy of two supply ships with four escort vessels between Sicily and Tunisia. A direct hit was scored on one of the vessels

AFRICAN CASUALTIES ARRIVE

It was disclosed to-day that nearly two thousand men of the Seventh and Eighth Armies are back in Britain as casualties of campaigns in Egypt and Africa. They reached a western port few days ago. The majority are already able to move around and are in the best of spirits.

BALANCE-SHEET OF BATTLE OF EL-ALAMEIN

Ninety thousand Germans and 45,000 Italians, it is estimated, were engaged in the battle of El-Alamein. The German casualties total about 30,000, including 7,200 captured. Nearly all the Italians were casualties, about half being captured.

These figures were given to the Commons to-day by the War Secretary, Sir James Grigg, British casualties, he said, totalled 13,600. He declined to state the total of the British force engaged.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

To-day's Communique states: "It was quiet day on the Eighth Army front with normal patrol activity. Artillery in Gafsa area successfully dispersed patrols of enemy armoured vehicles. A slight advance was made in Sedjenane area without encountering enemy resistance.

Enemy airfield at Mezzouna was attacked twice yesterday by a formation of medium bombers with fighter escort. On both raids bombs were seen to burst all over the air field and among aircraft on the ground. The escort destroyed four enemy fighters in combat.

Fighter-bombers of the Western Desert Air Force attacked enemy motor transport north of Toujane. Further reports show that one more fighter was destroyed on this front on March 15. Heavy bombers attacked an enemy convoy between Tunisia and Sicily and bursts were seen on one vessel.

From these operations two of our aircraft are missing."

Allied Air Strength Growing

LONDON, March 16.

Reuter's special correspondent in Tunisia says that Allied aircraft are steadily flowing into North Africa and new air fields are being opened up. Although starting from scratch, Allied airforces are building up their strength at an enormous rate.

Allied air experts confidently assert that our planes and pilots are masters of the sky over Tunisia and therefore the whole of North Africa.

If the Axis in the meantime is "pulling his punches" it is considered that he is prepared against the day when the Allies will reveal their full strength.

The Allies have the victorious tactics of Egypt, Libya and Tripolitania to guide them. They have learned their lessons there—namely to increase their air strength.

A communique from French headquarters in North Africa on Monday said, "The day was calm on our front. There was reduced patrol activity. Our forces are establishing their position west of Metlaoui."—Reuter.

MONTGOMERY:— A cheque of Rs. 1¼ lakhs for the Red Cross Fund was presented to Mr. H. D. Bahnot, Commissioner of Multan Division by Mr. Abdur Hamid, Deputy Commissioner, on behalf of the Montgomery District, on the occasion of the annual horse and cattle fair which concluded on Sunday.

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